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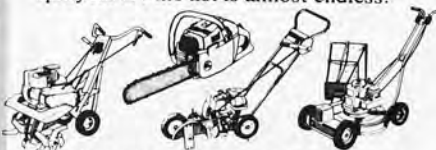
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Ones' Boast: 'We'll Beat The Road Warriors In Less Than Five Minutes,' " November 1984), I just about died laughing.

Perhaps The Road Warriors aren't what one can call "scientific wres-



Road Warrior Animal hoists Stan Lane over his head. Reader Daphne Wilson feels that The Fabulous Ones are making a mistake by underestimating the AWA World tag team champions.

tlers," but their power and determination more than make up for that. After all, they *are* the AWA World tag team champions.

I must admit that a match between The Road Warriors and The Fabulous Ones would be a great match. But The Fabulous Ones are already making a great mistake in underestimating The Road Warriors. Crusher and Baron Von Raschke did the same thing . . . and we all know what happened to them!

I am a devout Road Warrior fan, and I know that their AWA World tag team title reign will be a long and distinguished one.

DAPHNE WILSON  
Woodbridge, VA



Tommy "Wildfire" Rich's true fans will stick with him no matter where he decides to wrestle, writes Sherry Cash. Sherry was angered by a letter in the November 1984 issue that spoke out against Tommy.

## WILDFIRE'S REAL FANS

I would like to respond to Cheri Watkins of Augusta, Georgia, about her letter to Tommy Rich in the November 1984 issue of *Sports Review Wrestling* ("Rich Is A Pig").

People from the Mid-Southern region have backed him since he started wrestling again, and we always will no matter what he decides to do. And if you were a real fan, you would have backed him if he lost to Ted DiBiase  
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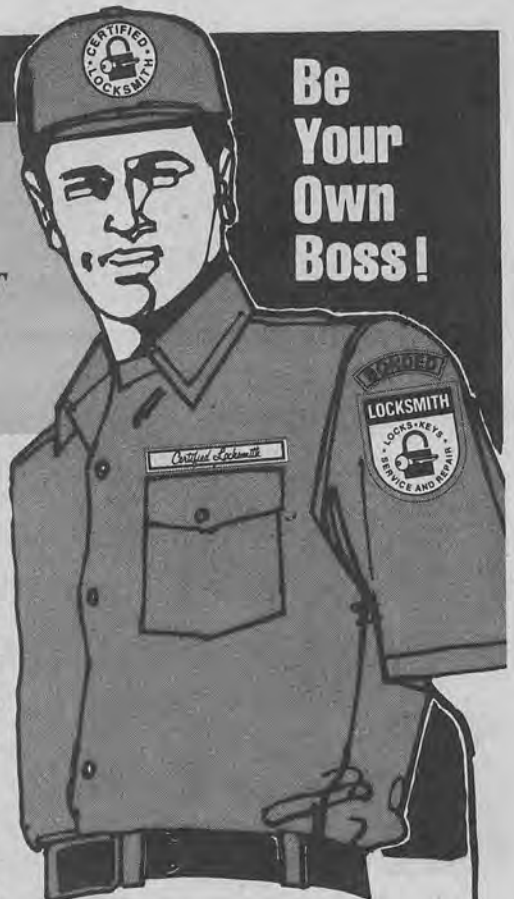


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Fulton substituted for Kevin Von Erich, who was injured by Chris Adams after the "Captain's Match," a bout chosen by the write-in ballots of the World Class fans. Kevin had won his single match against Adams, but after the match Adams knocked Kevin unconscious with a chair. Von Erich was rushed to Baylor University Hospital and would not be able to defend the six-man belt. World Class officials allowed Kerry and Mike Von Erich to choose a new partner, and they picked Fulton, who, with Tommy Rogers, holds the World Class tag team belts.

The championship bout was no more than an uncontrollable melee, with Kerry taking most of the punishment in a brutal triple-teaming attack behind the referee's back. In the end, it was Jake pinning Kerry for the victory.

"Not a bad night for me," Adams said in the winners' locker room after the match. "I put one Von Erich in the hospital, and I managed to beat the stuffings out of two others

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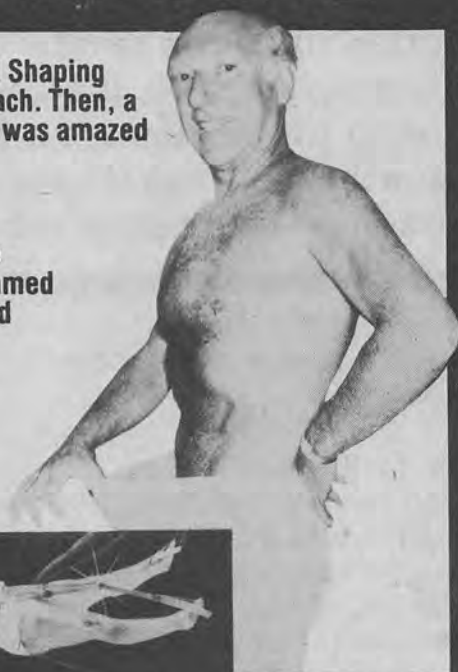
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## THE QUESTION:

*"Should Roddy Piper be banned from television?"*

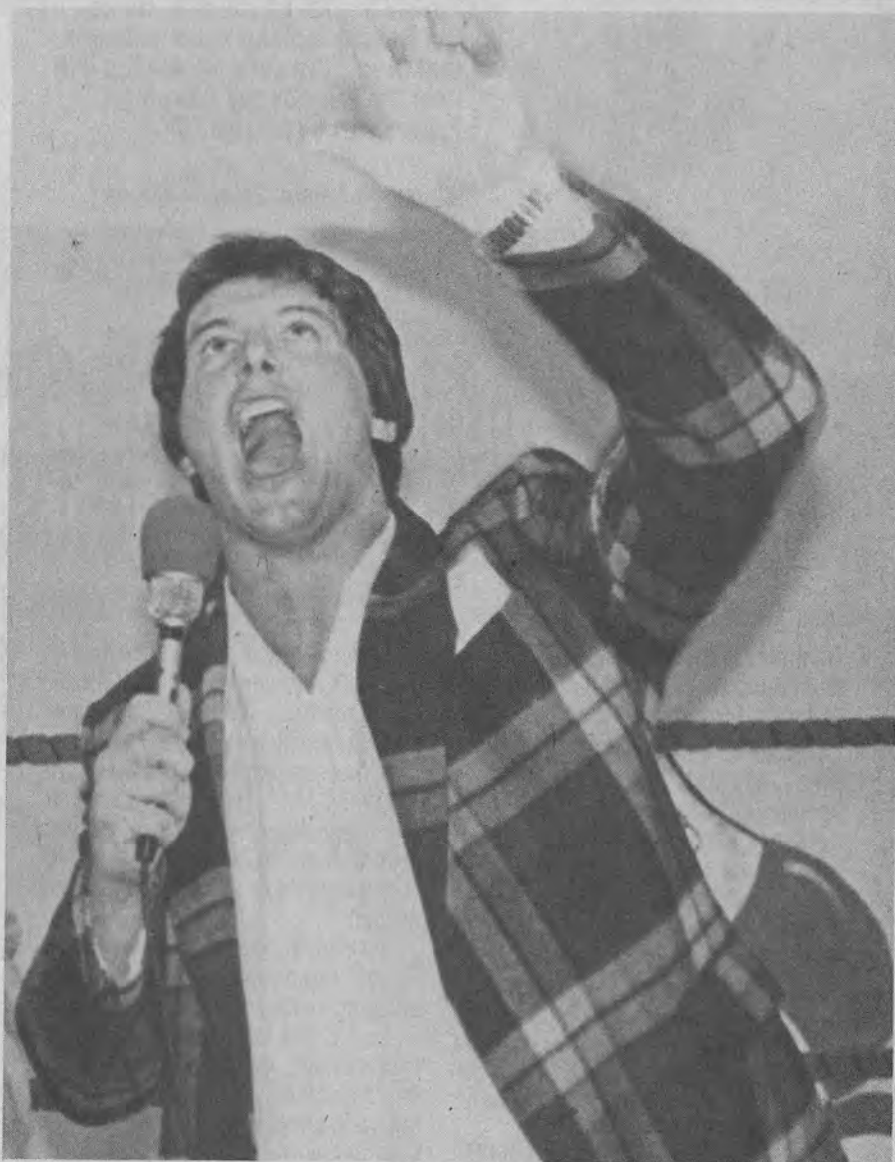
## THE ANSWERS:

*John Cummins, Medford, OR:*

"Roddy Piper is the most confusing case in professional wrestling. First he's a fan favorite and then you turn around and he's a rulebreaker. When he was wrestling here in the Pacific Northwest he was really popular. But in Georgia and in the Mid-Atlantic he's been both a good and a bad guy. Now I can't even stand to watch him on the WWF wrestling TV show. He's really annoying, and he's always picking on someone. I don't know if that's any reason to ban someone from TV, though. Barbara Walters annoys a lot of people and she's still around. And how about Howard Cosell? I guess as long as the WWF offers to let him talk, he'll be on the air. No, they shouldn't ban him."

*Kerry Ann Bassett, Lancaster, PA:* "I hate Roddy Piper, I hate 'Piper's Pit,' and I think he should be taken off of TV for good. He humiliates every fan favorite he has on his show, and what he did to Jimmy Snuka I'll never forget. Why is Piper on TV anyway? There was a good reason for him to be

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**B**RUISER AND BLACKJACK Lanza were involved in one of the most vicious feuds the Midwest had ever seen. Despite the fact that Bruiser had just recently become a fan favorite, their matches were bloody slugfests ... Former NWA World heavyweight champion Lou Thesz refereed Dory Funk Jr.'s St. Louis title defense against the man he won the title from, Gene Kiniski. Thesz kept the rulebreaking Kiniski in check, and Funk won the title rematch ... A poll of Los Angeles wrestling fans resulted in Mil Mascaras being named the most popular wrestler in the area, followed by The Medics, Pedro Morales, and Terry Funk. Most hated in Los Angeles was The Sheik, followed by Fred Blassie, Buddy Austin, and Black Gordman ... Ray Stevens received

the support of the fans during a bloody encounter with Big Bill Miller in the San Francisco Cow Palace. Stevens, who only a year before was the most hated man on the Northern California wrestling scene, won the bloody bout with his famous "bombs away" maneuver. ... Abdullah Farouk, manager of The Sheik, accepted a match against Mr. Moto, the former wrestler from Japan who had been managing Bobo Brazil. Moto overwhelmed the overmatched Farouk, who was carried from the ring on a stretcher ... Dale Lewis claimed that the "animals" of professional wrestling weren't nearly as bad as his competitors in his previous career. Lewis was a Wall Street stock analyst before becoming a wrestler ... Cowboy Bill Watts clamped the sleeperhold on an employee of television station WDAY in Fargo, North Dakota. Watts, a guest on the *Lady Quest* talk show, was explaining the maneuver when his

host suggested he demonstrate the hold ... Dory Dixon, who had retired in 1963 after losing a close match against then-NWA World champion Buddy Rogers, returned to action in Australia. Experts observed that Dixon had lost none of his amazing quickness and skill during the layoff ... Responding to the protest over his article the November 1969 issue of *The Wrestler* in which he suggested that America's youth take a bath and get a haircut, Dory Funk Jr. said, "I meant every word of it, and I'll keep right on expressing my views."

**NOVEMBER/  
DECEMBER  
1974**

**J**ACK BRISCO LOST the NWA World championship on December 2 in Kagoshimi, Japan, to Giant Shohei Baba, and then won the title  
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Referee Joe Higuchi orders Jack Brisco to come out of his corner and resume his match against Giant Shohei Baba. Brisco would lose his NWA World title to Baba and regain it a week later.

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### THE "QUESTION OF THE MONTH" IS:

The "Question Of The Month" is:  
"What is the one thing you would like to accomplish in 1985?"

Submitted by:  
**Steve Callahan,  
Jefferson City, MO**



**PAUL ELLERING**

"I find it difficult to think of anything that I haven't accomplished already. The Road Warriors are the World tag team champs, and we're all making a great deal of money. I think I might like to gain control of a major singles title. It will take a long time to find the right man. Not just anyone is suited for the Legion of Doom."



**TOMMY RICH**

"I think the one thing I'd like to do is the one thing I didn't get accomplished this past year. In 1985 I will challenge for, and win, a world championship, be it AWA or NWA. A lot of things happened in 1984 that prevented me from following through on that promise, but 1985 will be a whole lot different."



**JIM GARVIN**

"By the end of this year, the AWA World heavyweight championship belt will be strapped around my waist. But that's pretty obvious, isn't it. How about this? By the end of this coming year, I'll have both the AWA and NWA championship belts around my waist. I'll make wrestling history, and I'll do it without even breaking a sweat."



**RICK MARTEL**

"It's going to be an interesting year, with a lot of tough challenges to my title. There's nothing specific that I would want to accomplish, just to defend my belt. At the end of 1985, I want to be wearing this belt, just like I am now. With all the wrestlers coming after me, that won't be easy. But then, no one ever said it would be."

# RS ANSWER OF THE MONTH



**KEVIN SULLIVAN**

"1985 will be the year of Abughdadien. This is the year that the believers of the dark side will band together and overwhelm professional wrestling with our power. There is only one force powerful enough to get this task accomplished and that is the power of the most almighty exalted Abughdadien, the power of evil."



**KRUSHER KHRUSHCHEV**

"I don't think there is anything that can stop me from rising to the pinnacle of professional wrestling in the United States. Americans are soft. I know, because I was raised as an American. Only now that I have embraced the ideals of the Soviet people do I realize that Americans are weak by nature. I will enjoy unlimited success."



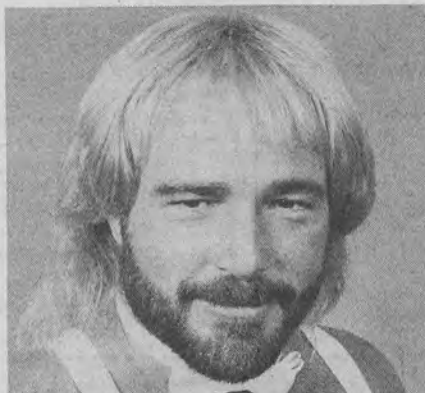
**MIKE VON ERICH**

"The one thing I hope for in 1985 is to keep improving, to keep working on my skills, and to add to my repertoire of holds. Kerry and Kevin are always telling me how jealous they are, 'cause I have my whole career ahead of me. I'm just anxious to really get into it, and I'm really looking forward to the year."



**RONNIE GARVIN**

"I've been around wrestling for a long time, and I learned a long time ago that it's ridiculous to make predictions or even speculate in a sport as unpredictable as this one. 1984 has ended really well. After a lot of attempts, I finally won the National title. What I plan to do is defend that belt to the best of my ability. And that's it."



**STEVE KEIRN**

"The one thing I want in 1985 is for Stan [Lane] and I to win the AWA World tag team title. Everybody talks about how awesome The Road Warriors are, but if the plans Stan and I are working on gel, we're gonna have the strategy to beat the Warriors. If we can beat them and win the belts, I'll be more than satisfied."



**HECTOR GUERRERO**

"For a long time, my brother Chavo and I have been pushed around by the officials and the wrestling commissioners. Well, let me tell you this: 1985 is gonna be a lot different. We're gonna show all of those people that they can't push around the Guerreros. They're gonna find out how tough we can get, and then they'll be sorry."

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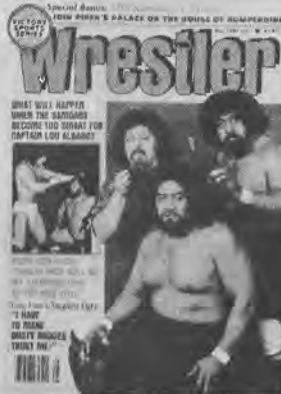
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# WRESTLER OF THE MONTH

## KERRY VON ERICH

AS THE YEAR comes to a close, the one event of 1984 wrestling fans will remember above all others is the spectacular card that took place on May 6 at Texas Stadium. And the one picture that our minds will recall time after time is the image of Kerry Von Erich holding a giant yellow rose and cradling in his arms the NWA World championship belt wrapped in a Texas state flag.

Despite the fact that he only held the belt 18 days, Kerry's victory over Ric Flair on May 6 has to be considered one of the most dramatic events professional wrestling has ever seen.

Kerry Von Erich has a belt around his waist today. It is not the World championship belt. It is instead the World Class American title belt, which he won October 29 from Gino Hernandez in Fort Worth, Texas. This achievement alone would be enough reason to award Kerry with "Wrestler of the Month" honors. But we cannot discuss Von Erich, especially as the year winds down, without making mention of all his outstanding accomplishments.

This is just one honor that Kerry will receive before the New Year. You can also see Kerry this month on the cover of our sister publication *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* standing proudly with his Most Popular Wrestler of the Year plaque. In that issue, announcing the winners of the largest fan poll in the sport, Kerry's title victory over Flair has been voted by the fans as the Match of the Year. He also came in second behind Sgt. Slaughter in the Inspirational Wrestler of the Year balloting, and finished third behind Flair and Hulk Hogan for Wrestler of the Year honors. As if that wasn't enough, Kerry, along with brothers Kevin and Mike, came in second in the Tag Team of the Year voting.

Excluding the Tag Team and Match of the Year categories (in which he shared votes), Kerry logged 37,828 votes. Second best was Hogan, more than 13,500 votes behind.

"Kerry really cleaned up," Assistant Editor Joseph Bua said. "There's never been one man who dominated the year-end awards like this, at least not as far as I know. And when you look at the vote totals, remember that he had to split a lot of the Texas votes with Kevin, who finished close to him in several categories.

"You have to admire Kerry's effort in 1984," Bua continued. "His dedication to the sport, to keeping himself in shape, and to holding up the reputation of his profession is unparalleled. And that's why he's being showered with awards. And it's only right as

the year comes to a close that Kerry should have a title belt around his waist."

As Kerry's victory over Flair for the World title was a victory for the entire Von Erich family, so too was Kerry's American title victory over Hernandez. Hernandez, who still holds possession of the Texas State title, had taken the American championship from Kerry's younger brother Mike in a match marred by the interference of Hernandez's female bodyguard Nicola Roberts.

Roberts, 6'2" and 205 pounds, with her leather jumpsuit and new wave accoutrements, might be the most imposing-looking woman in professional wrestling. But she could not compare to the awesome physicality of the former World champion. Before the match even began, Kerry made it known to Roberts that he would not tolerate her interference, and she surprised the crowd at the Will Rogers Coliseum in Fort Worth by conceding to Kerry's demand.

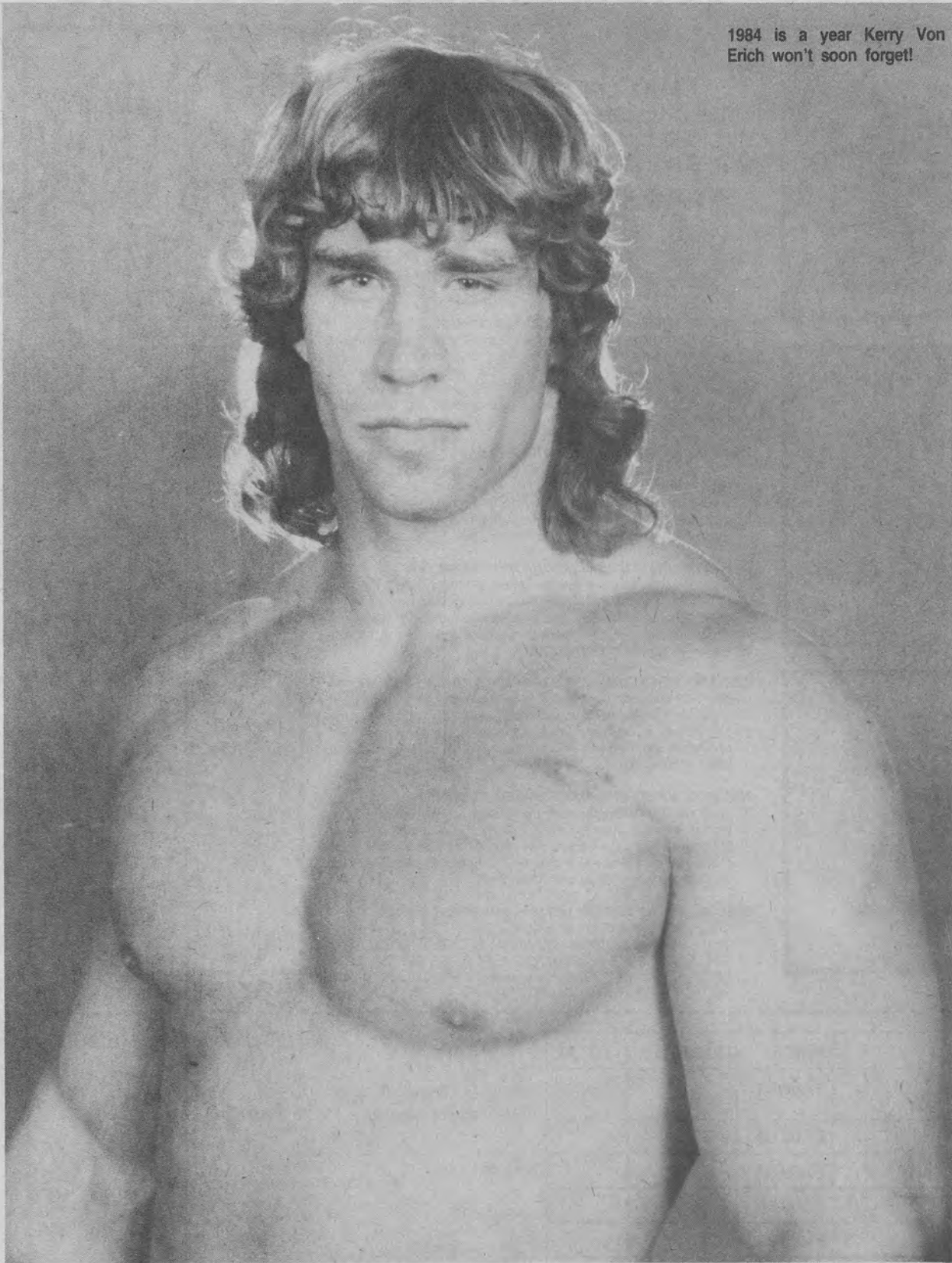
Despite many attempts on Hernandez's part to overpower Kerry with rulebreaking tactics, Kerry used his tremendous strength and scientific skills to keep his opponent on the defensive. With Roberts almost too scared to attempt interference, Hernandez was left alone to rely on his own skills, which were just not enough to defeat Kerry. Von Erich surprised the flustered and frustrated Hernandez with a backslide to capture the American belt.

Responding to reporters' questions after the match, Kerry addressed the significance of the American title and its relation to the NWA World title. "Before this match," he said, "a lot of people said that I probably wasn't going into this with the right attitude, that I was using the American title as a steppingstone to a title shot against Flair. Well, they were wrong, and I think I proved that tonight.

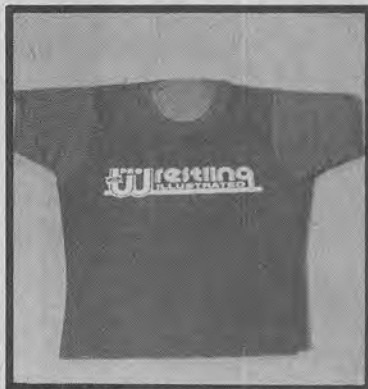
"The World Class American championship is a title that represents the people, the people who have supported me all through my career. I would never use this title just to get somewhere else. It's a respected championship that demands the respect of the man who wears the belt. Hernandez didn't have any respect for it. I will restore the dignity to this title that Hernandez took away."

1984 was the year of Kerry Von Erich, and it's only fitting that the year should end with Kerry Von Erich's designation as Wrestler of the Month. The staff of *Sports Review Wrestling* congratulates Kerry not only for this honor, but for an outstanding year of competition. □

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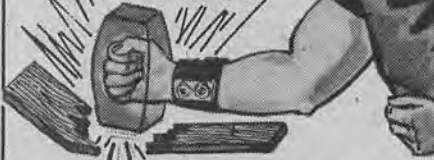
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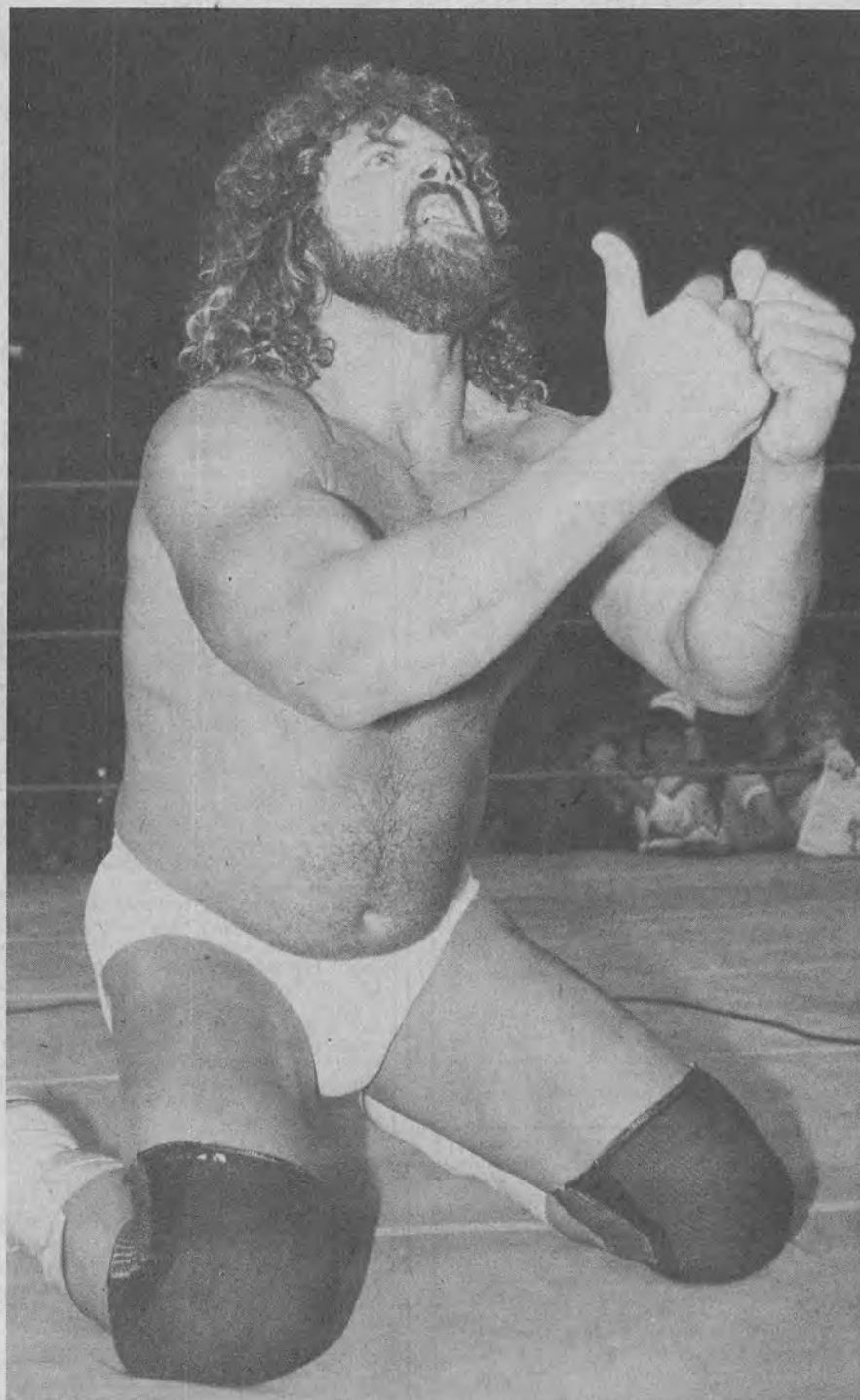
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# INTERVIEW

## GORGEOUS JIM GARVIN



*When you are Jim Garvin, professional wrestler, you don't have to wait for anything. Maitre d's in the world's finest restaurants make sure you're seated immediately. Salespeople attend to you the second you walk into their stores. Anyone who has an appointment with you is on time, or out of luck.*

*So one could understand why Garvin, the former World Class Texas and American champion, would have a problem accepting the fact that he was stuck in traffic. "This is an outrage," he screamed a number of times during his interview. "Don't they know who I am? Of course they don't, I'm stuck in the back of this limo."*

*Garvin left the World Class area in May after he and his valet, Precious, lost a loser-leave-town match to the combination of Chris Adams and Sunshine. Garvin has just completed a very successful tour of Japan, and is now appearing in the AWA. Garvin predicts he will easily capture Rick Martel's AWA World championship. Between bursts of anger directed toward the snarled traffic on the outskirts of St. Paul, Minnesota, he discusses his plan of attack with Sports Review Wrestling Assistant Editor Jeff Ryan.*

**Q:** You've just returned from an extensive tour of Japan. Most wrestlers sign with the Japanese promoters for two or three weeks. You were there for a much longer time.

**A:** Yeah. So what are you getting at? D'ya think I had something to run



Garvin feels he can mow down the AWA competition and move into a title match within a few months. Gorgeous Jim whips rookie Tom Zenk into the ropes (left) and clubs him with a forearm on the rebound (below).



away from or something? Are you accusing me of hiding out of the country? I had nothing to hide from in America.

**Q:** Well, you left right after losing a loser-leave-town match against Chris Adams and . . .

**A:** I signed for these matches in Japan a long time before I supposedly lost that match.

**Q:** Supposedly?

**A:** Yeah, supposedly. I don't lose matches, I have them taken away from me. Anyway, I was in Japan for a long time, longer than even I figured to be there. I was scheduled to come back to the United States three different times, but the promoters just kept coming back to us offering more money and bigger name opponents. I just couldn't resist. And Precious was offered a big movie contract. They said that they'd never seen such beauty in that country before.



According to Garvin, the Japanese promoters gave him and his valet, Precious, large sums of money to stay in Japan.

**Q:** Well, there aren't too many blondes in Japan.

**A:** Hey, there's no one there who even comes close to my honey. She's beautiful, she has style and wit and sophistication, and she knows the best when she sees it: me! I made wrestling history in Japan, beating all their biggest stars. Finally, they offered me even more money, but I was just getting bored with it all. How many four-star hotels can you stay at? How many handservants can you order around? I was homesick for America. I wanted a real steak, a big 24-ounce job. I wanted a Budweiser. I wanted to watch the Dallas Cowboys.

**Q:** Speaking of Dallas, what made you decide to return to the AWA and not back to the World Class area?

**A:** What's left for me to do in the World Class area? Haven't I hu-

miliated the Von Erichs enough? Don't you think they've had enough of Jimmy Garvin? It would have been boring to go back to Texas. So, here I am in the AWA, and I just have to laugh when I look around at what they call competition. The AWA belt should be around my waist in, uh, maybe 2½ or three months.

**Q:** That should be quite a surprise to Rick Martel.

**A:** I don't think so. I'm sure that when he heard I was coming to the AWA, he started getting used to what it was gonna be like without the championship. It's just a matter of time, you know. I hate to blow my own horn, but the fact is I'm on fire right now. I'm on a roll, a winning streak without equal in professional wrestling. There's no one who can stop me. I'm gonna keep rolling until I roll right over Martel and take his belt. A world championship has been my goal since I started wrestling, and it's time to realize that goal.

**Q:** You're not the only wrestler around who has that goal.

**A:** Maybe not, but I'm the best! And

I have a plan that they don't.

**Q:** Would you care to let us in on your plan?

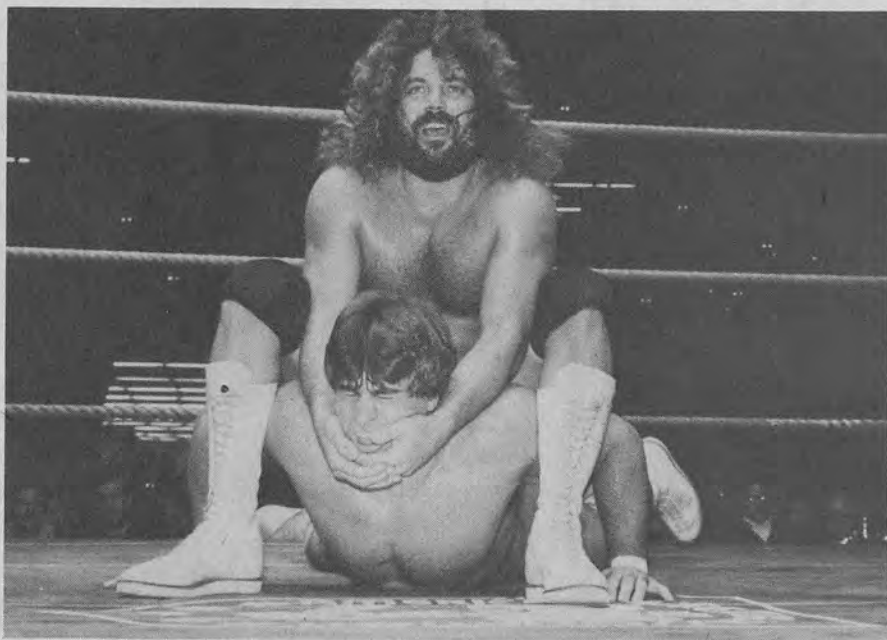
**A:** No, I don't care to let you in on my plan, but I will tell you that it involves two of the top six contenders in the AWA, and it's something I picked up from football. You let your blockers do the work. It's all a matter of timing.

**Q:** It sounds to me like you're going to let Nick Bockwinkel and Mr.

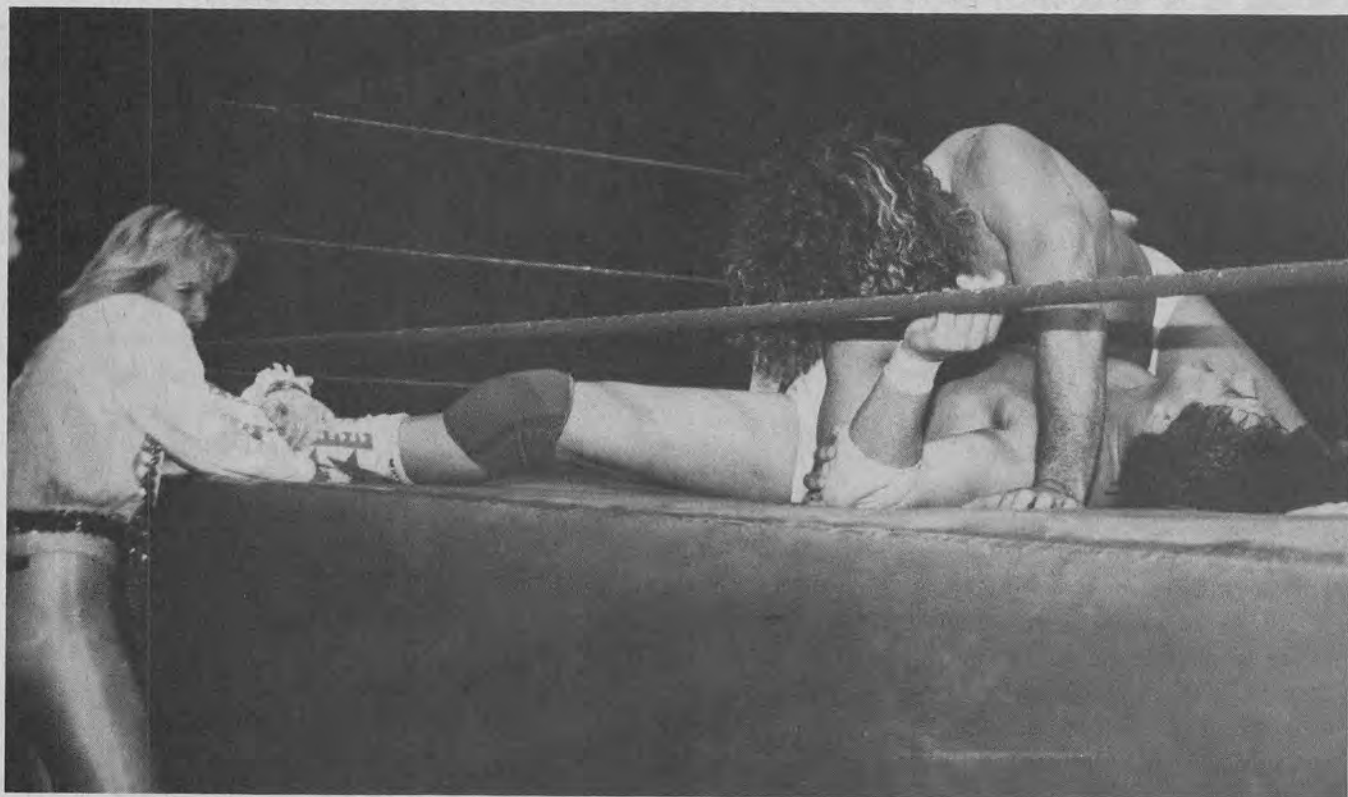
Saito, or Saito and Billy Robinson, weaken Martel substantially in their title shots, and then you're just going to slip in behind them and take Rick's belt on an off-night.

**A:** Yeah, does it sound like that to you? Well, I'm not gonna tell you if you're wrong or right.

**Q:** There are a few men who currently stand ahead of you in the AWA rankings, although you did enter the ratings for the first time at an



Garvin gazes out upon the St. Paul fans as he tries to draw a submission from Zenk (above). Will the AWA take steps to prevent Precious from assisting Garvin, as she did in the World Class area (below)?



impressive number seven.

A: We aim to impress.

Q: If you could, give me a few words on a few possible opponents, the men you'll have to beat to get a shot at Martel's title, starting with Brad Rheingans.

A: Rheingans is too much. I'll be honest with you. He could have had the World title belt around his waist today, but he was too stupid to take advantage of the opportunity. He's a better wrestler than Martel. He has a firm understanding of the basics of wrestling. He doesn't have enough drive or ambition, however. And the reason I say that is because he doesn't take advantage of his opportunities.

Q: What do you mean by opportunities?

A: I mean he practically excuses himself every time he hurts his opponent. This isn't the amateurs, you know. This is the pro ranks. It's a tough sport, and to win, you gotta get tough. Rheingans doesn't want to do that, so he'll never get anywhere with all that talent.

Q: Next, Jim Brunzell.

A: Jim Brunzell is a tag team wrestler. Always has been, always will be. Without a partner he's lost. He has no direction, no head for strategy or tactical position. I'm not concerned.

Q: And finally, Crusher Blackwell.

A: I'm not going to have to wrestle Crusher Blackwell.

Q: Why?

A: Because Blackwell is going to beat himself. Trust me on this. He's taking on a lot more than he can handle with Bruiser Brody and Sheik Al-Kaissie. He's a target, and when you have a target that big, you usually don't miss.

Q: Is there anything else you'd like to say to the readers of *Sports Review Wrestling* before we end this?

A: Hey, they know what to expect when Jimmy Garvin is around. Perfection! Precious and I are on our way to glory, pure and simple. Brace yourselves, 'cause we're taking over! □

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—Ellen Weinberg

**NEW HAVEN COLISEUM** (New Haven, CT): Andre the Giant & Junkyard Dog beat Adrian Adonis, Dick Murdoch, & Lou Albano ... Paul Orndorff defeated Samoan Samala ... David Shultz defeated Chief Jay Strongbow ... Greg Valentine beat Jose Luis Rivera ... David Sammartino defeated Pete Doherty ... Tonga Kid beat Fred Marzino ... Susan Starr defeated Lelani Kai.

—Anthony Pizzillo

**BYRNE MEADOWLANDS ARENA** (East Rutherford, NJ): Sgt. Slaughter & Andre the Giant beat Iron Sheik & Nikolai Volkoff ... The Samoans drew with Adrian Adonis & Dick Murdoch ... Brutus Beefcake beat Rick McGraw ... John Studd defeated S.D. Jones ... Jack & Jerry Brisco beat Rene Goulet & Steve Lombardi ... Rocky Johnson defeated Moondog Spot ... David Sammartino defeated Mr. Fuji.

—John A. Herbst

**THE SPECTRUM** (Philadelphia): Hulk Hogan defeated John Studd ... Sgt. Slaughter & Junkyard Dog vs. Iron Sheik & Nikolai Volkoff ended in a double-disqualification ... Ken Patera defeated Tony Garea ... Brutus Beefcake defeated Salvatore Bellomo ... Greg Valentine beat S.D. Jones ... David Sammartino beat Moondog Spot ... Moondog Rex defeated Dave Barbie ... Rene Goulet defeated Bob Bradley ... Ron Shaw defeated Steve Lombardi.

—Eric Cholimski

**MADISON SQUARE GARDEN** (New York): Hulk Hogan defeated John Studd ... Greg Valentine defeated Tito Santana by disqualification ... Nikolai Volkoff defeated Sgt. Slaughter by countout ... Ken Patera defeated Rocky Johnson ... Dick Murdoch drew with Samoan Afa ... David Sammartino defeated Moondog Spot ... Mad Dog Vachon beat Rick McGraw ... David Shultz defeated Salvatore Bellomo ... Brutus Beefcake beat Tony Garea.

—Y. Gedalowitz

**WICOMICO COUNTY CIVIC CENTER** (Salisbury, MD): Tonga Kid defeated Roddy Piper by disqualification ... Paul Orndorff defeated Junkyard Dog ... Barry Windham defeated Charlie Fulton ... Rick McGraw defeated Johnny Ringo ... Samoan Samala beat Frank Savage ... Bob Bradley drew with The Executioner.

—Connie Hudson

**SPORTS ARENA** (Los Angeles): Hulk Hogan defeated John Studd ... Andre the Giant defeated Roddy Piper ... Mil Mascaras beat Lou Albano ... Samoan Afa defeated Adrian Adonis ... Samoan Sika vs. Dick Murdoch ended in a double-disqualification ... Greg Valentine defeated Rocky Johnson ... Ivan Putski defeated Alexis Smirnoff ... Ken Patera beat S.D. Jones ... Moondog Spot beat The California Kid.

—C. Carlos Gonzales

**CIVIC ARENA** (Pittsburgh): John Studd defeated Hulk Hogan by countout ... Sgt. Slaughter & Junkyard Dog vs. Nikolai Volkoff & Iron Sheik ended in a double-disqualification ... Ivan Putski defeated Roddy Piper by disqualification ... David Shultz beat Rocky Johnson ... David Sammartino beat Moondog Spot ... Ken Patera defeated Tony Garea ... Greg Valentine beat S.D. Jones ... Brutus Beefcake defeated Salvatore Bellomo ... Moondog Rex beat Steve Lombardi.

—Bruno Lauer

**COBO ARENA** (Detroit): Andre the Giant defeated Kamala by countout ... Barry Windham beat Paul Orndorff by disqualification ... Roddy Piper beat Rocky Johnson ... Adrian Adonis & Dick Murdoch beat Billy Travis & Rick McGraw ... Chief Jay Strongbow beat Jerry Valiant.

—Paul Najera

**CIVIC CENTER** (Providence, RI): Andre the Giant defeated Kamala by disqualification ... Roddy Piper beat Rocky Johnson ... Tonga Kid defeated Moondog Spot ... Brutus Beefcake beat Salvatore Bellomo ... Adrian Adonis beat Chief Jay Strongbow ... Dick Murdoch defeated Mr. X ... David Sammartino beat Pete Doherty ... Jose Luis Rivera defeated Fred Marzino ... Jose Luis Rivera defeated Roger Smith.

—Marc Bazzle

**MAPLE LEAF GARDENS** (Toronto): Andre the Giant defeated Kamala in a steel cage match ... Dynamite Kid & Davey Boy Smith beat Goldie Rogers & Bobby Bass ... Angelo Mosca defeated Iron Sheik ... Nikolai Volkoff defeated Rocky Johnson ... Greg Valentine defeated S.D. Jones ... David Shultz beat Rick McGraw ... David Sammartino defeated Moondog Rex ... Rene Goulet beat Nick DeCarlo.

—Tom Vanderende

**WAR MEMORIAL ARENA** (Rochester, NY): Junkyard Dog & Sgt. Slaughter defeated Nikolai Volkoff & Iron Sheik ... Barry Windham defeated Greg Valentine in a non-title match ... David Shultz beat Rick McGraw ... Ken Patera defeated S.D. Jones ... Moondog Rex defeated Tony Garea.

—Don Rhoads

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**MET CENTER** (Bloomington, MN): Hulk Hogan defeated John Studd by disqualification ... Andre the Giant defeated Kamala ... Junkyard Dog defeated George Steele by disqualification ... Iron Sheik beat Rocky Johnson ... Ivan Putski drew with David Shultz ... Ken Patera defeated Tony Garea ... Mad Dog Vachon beat Jerry Valiant ... Rene Goulet drew with Rick McGraw ... The Spoiler beat Salvatore Bellomo.

—Andy Raboin

**WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM** (Buffalo, NY): Hulk Hogan defeated Roddy Piper by countout ... Nikolai Volkoff beat Sgt. Slaughter by disqualification ... Ivan Putski defeated Iron Sheik ... Tonga Kid beat Moondog Spot ... Ken Patera defeated Rene Goulet ... The Spoiler defeated S.D. Jones ... Moondog Rex defeated Rick McGraw.

—Bob Broadwater Jr.

**NASSAU COLISEUM** (Uniondale, NY): Andre the Giant defeated Kamala by disqualification ... Junkyard Dog defeated Greg Valentine in a non-title match ... Barry Windham defeated David Shultz ... Dick Murdoch beat Ivan Putski ... David Sammartino defeated Moondog Rex ... Adrian Adonis defeated Samoan Samala ... Tonga Kid beat Moondog Spot ... The Spoiler defeated S.D. Jones ... Ken Patera beat Salvatore Bellomo ... Nikolai Volkoff beat Rick McGraw.

—Kenneth Collier

**CIVIC CENTER** (Glens Falls, NY): Greg Valentine defeated Tito Santana by disqualification ... Junkyard Dog vs. Paul Orndorff ended in a double-disqualification ... Roddy Piper defeated S.D. Jones ... Brutus Beefcake defeated Samoan Samala ... The Spoiler defeated Mr. X ... Tonga Kid beat Charlie Fulton ... Tony Atlas beat Frank Savage.

—Bradley Aubin

**JOHN F. KENNEDY MEMORIAL COLISEUM** (Manchester, NH): Hulk Hogan defeated Jesse Ventura ... Sgt. Slaughter defeated David Shultz ... Iron Mike Sharpe beat Rick McGraw ... Brian Blair defeated Mr. X.

—Tony Roy

**CIVIC CENTER** (Baltimore, MD): Andre the Giant defeated Kamala by disqualification ... Sgt. Slaughter defeated Greg Valentine by disqualification ... Tonga Kid defeated The Spoiler by countout ... The Samoans drew with The Moondogs ... John Studd defeated Tony Garea ... Brutus Beefcake defeated S.D. Jones ... Junkyard Dog beat Dave Barbie.

—Rodney Smackum

**OHIO CENTER** (Columbus, OH): Sgt. Slaughter & Junkyard Dog defeated Nikolai Volkoff & Iron Sheik ... Paul Orndorff defeated Samoan Samala ... Brutus Beefcake beat Tony Garea ... Tonga Kid beat David Shultz ... David Sammartino beat Moondog Rex ... Rene Goulet defeated Billy Travis.

—Brett Collins

**STADIUM ARENA** (Grand Rapids, MI): Andre the Giant beat Kamala by countout ... Tony Garea & S.D. Jones defeated Dick Murdoch & Adrian Adonis by disqualification ... Ken Patera beat Samoan Samala ... Brutus Beefcake beat Salvatore Bellomo ... David Shultz beat Steve Lombardi ... Desiree Patterson defeated Judy Martin.

—George Murphy

**CIVIC CENTER** (Erie, PA): Junkyard Dog & Sgt. Slaughter defeated Iron Sheik & Nikolai Volkoff ... Samoan Sika defeated Ken Patera ... Ivan Putski beat Jerry Valiant ... Moondog Rex defeated Samoan Afa ... Salvatore Bellomo drew with Moondog Spot.

—Theresa Kolodziejczak

**WILLIAM PATERSON COLLEGE** (Wayne, NJ): Roddy Piper vs. Tonga Kid ended in a double-disqualification ... Greg Valentine defeated Tito Santana by disqualification ... Brutus Beefcake defeated Rick McGraw ... Rocky Johnson & S.D. Jones defeated Mr. X & Johnny Rodz ... Samoan Samala defeated Charlie Fulton ... Rene Goulet drew with Jose Luis Rivera.

—Patrick Clancy

**CONVENTION CENTER** (Cleveland): Hulk Hogan defeated Paul Orndorff ... Tito Santana vs. Greg Valentine ended in a double-disqualification ... Junkyard Dog drew with Mr. Fuji ... The Spoiler defeated S.D. Jones ... Nikolai Volkoff defeated Samoan Samala ... Brutus Beefcake defeated Tony Garea ... Tonga Kid drew with Charlie Fulton.

—Kevin Kaleszewski

**THE OLYMPIUM** (Etobicoke, Ontario): Tito Santana & Tony Atlas defeated Greg Valentine & Iron Sheik by disqualification ... Blackjack Mulligan defeated Ted Grizzly ... Rocky Johnson beat Bobby Bass ... Jimmy Snuka & Tonga Kid defeated The Moondogs ... Roddy Piper beat Ron Hutchison ... Nikolai Volkoff & Iron Sheik beat S.D. Jones & Rick McGraw ... Tito Santana beat Goldie Rogers ... The Spoiler defeated Nick DeCarlo.

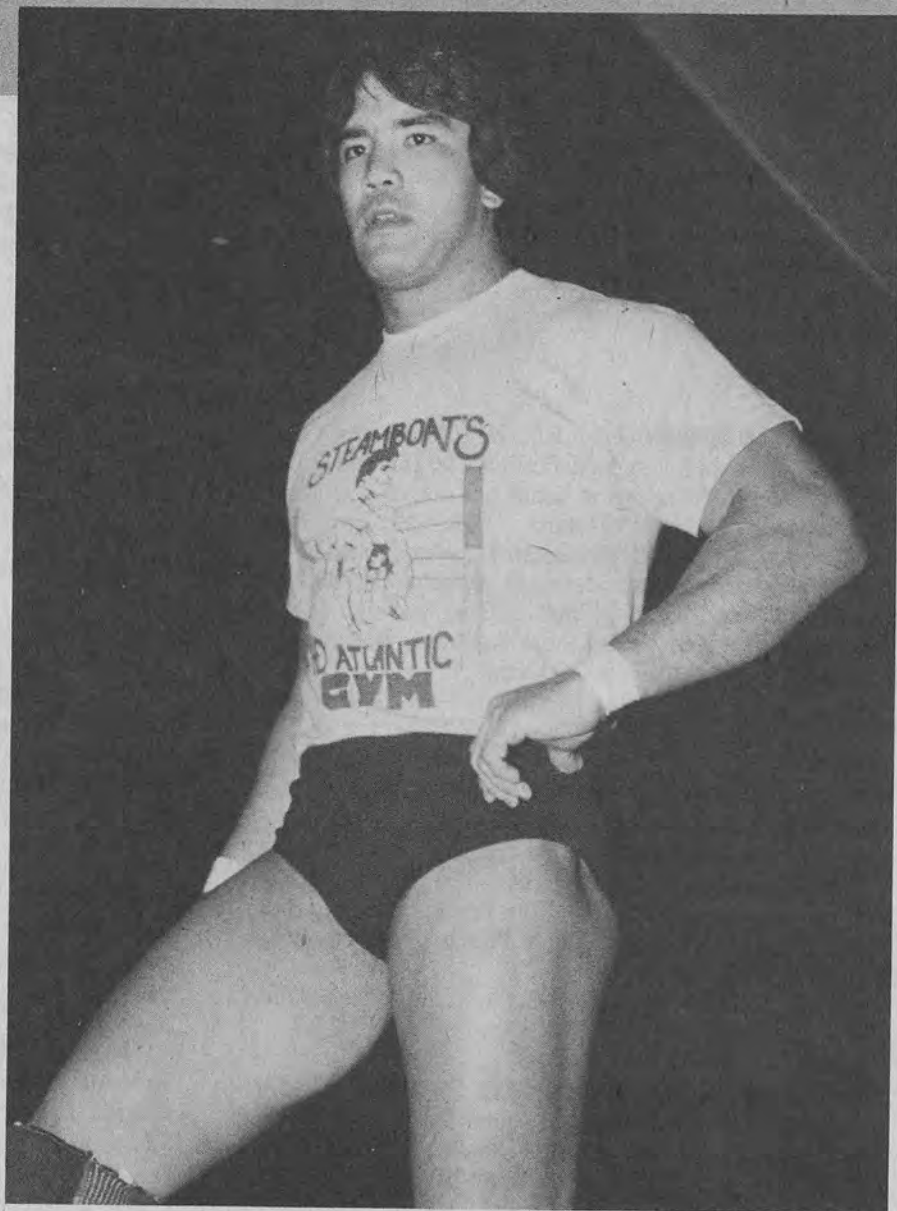
—John Barbera □

# WHY RICK STEAMBOAT IS AFRAID TO BE WORLD CHAMPION

**W**HEN AN ATHLETE semi-retires at his peak, rumors are bound to start. Everyone has a theory as to why he deserts what he does and loves best. It's hard to accept that anyone would voluntarily surrender what most men dream of doing.

When Rick Steamboat announced he would reduce his schedule, people couldn't believe it. Long regarded as one of the best—if not *the* best—scientific tag team partner in wrestling, Rick was always mentioned when it came to naming which young grapplers had a chance at the NWA World heavyweight wrestling title.

Then, when he seemed on the brink of a championship, came the announcement of his semi-retirement. It shook a lot of people. There was talk at first of it all being a plot, a cunning maneuver to catch the champion unaware. Steamboat would train in secret while the champion would ignore him. Then, when the time was right, Steamboat would make his challenge.



*Rick Steamboat rocked the wrestling world with his announcement that he would only be able to be a part-time wrestler because of time limitations. Ever since, people have been wondering why he would not devote all his energies to capturing a world title. For the first time, those who know Steamboat best are ready to talk about why a man refuses to realize his destiny*

Steamboat has given Ric Flair some of his toughest matches, but he's not prepared at this point in his career to dedicate all his time to the pursuit of the World title.



Many people kept waiting for Steamboat to make the challenge, and they were right. But once he made his bid for the title and failed, he began to devote more and more time to his gymnasium. It appeared as if the life of a part-time wrestler and full-time businessman appealed to him. That's when the other rumors started.

Many people thought Steamboat was ill but didn't want anyone to know. They kept looking for signs of disease. Rick, however, continued to be in the best of health.

Officially, Steamboat kept insisting he was enjoying life as a gymnasium owner and sometime wrestler. He might not be in line for a title shot, but that was fine with him.

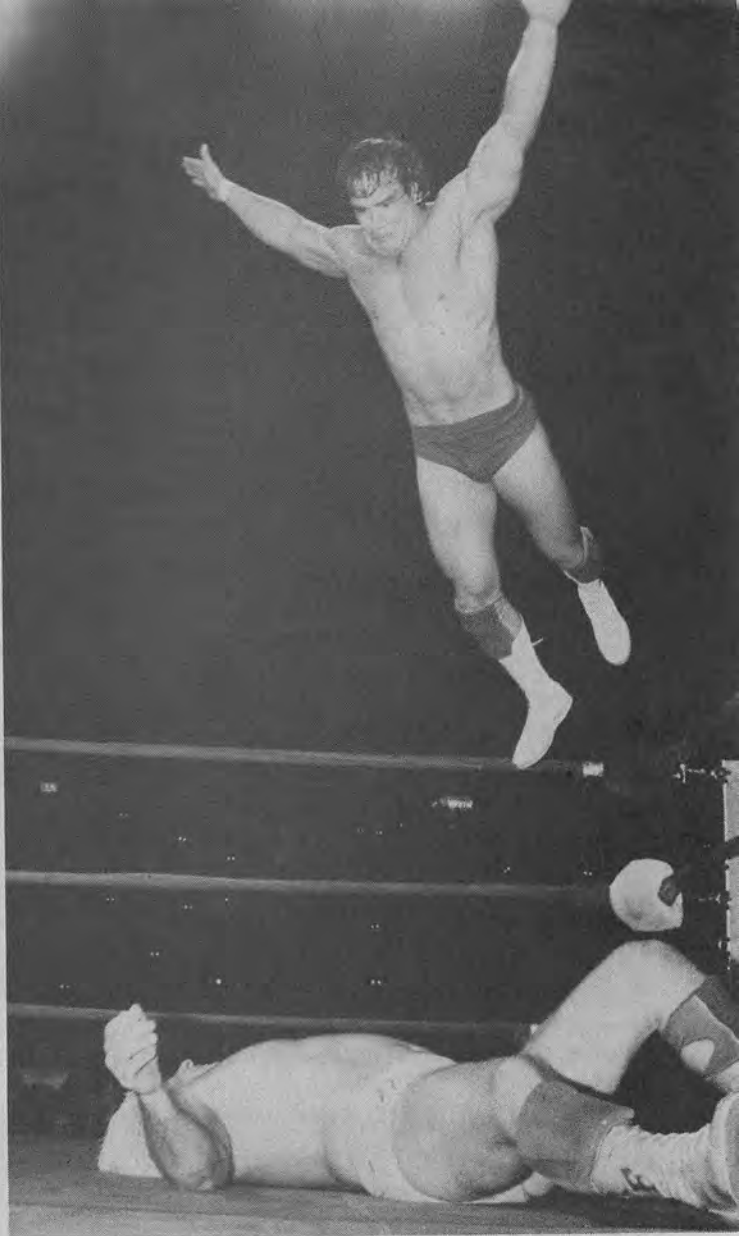
"To be champion," he explained, "you have to really want to win the title. It becomes your whole life. You're forced to travel all over the world, endlessly preparing for tough matches with the best men in the sport, and there's no time for anything else. I don't have the time to commit. But I can keep wrestling and never be World champion. I'm happy. And I know more than a few champions who could never say that."

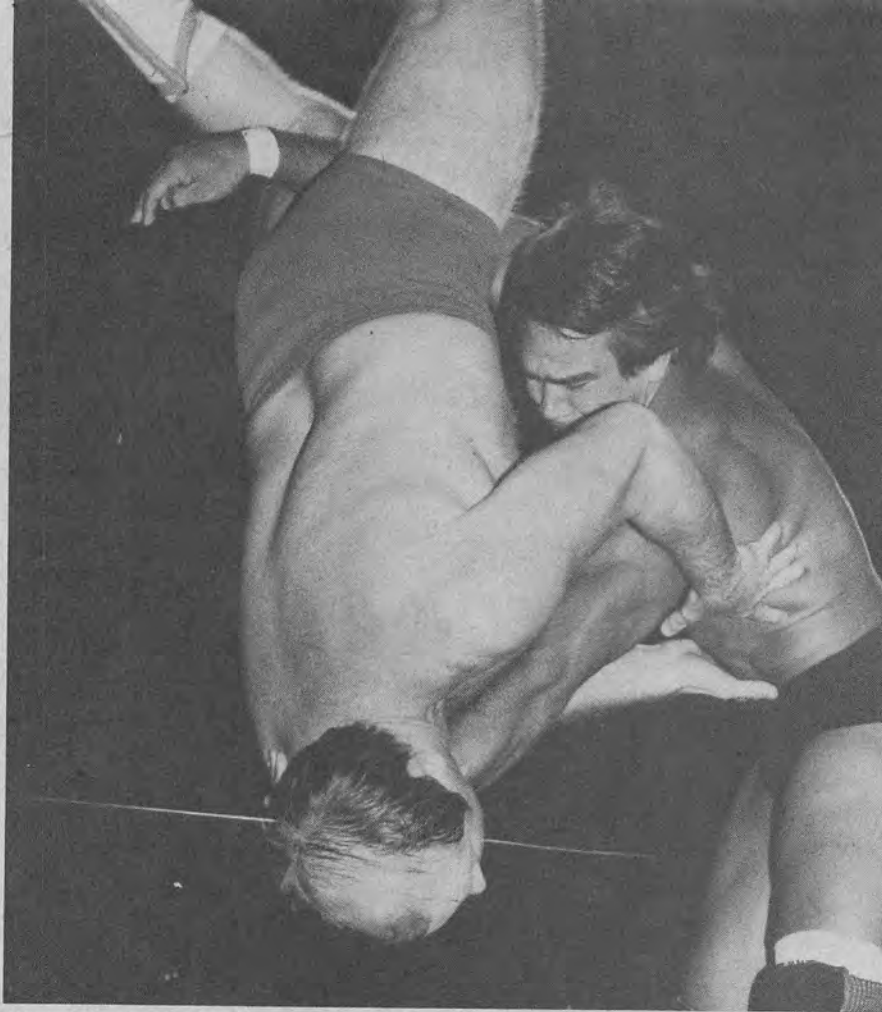
Those closest to Rick think the truth lies in the above statement, though disguised. They're willing to talk about their friend for publication, but only if they're guaranteed anonymity. Before going any further, it should be noted that none of them approve of what Rick has done. This certainly col-

ors their judgment. All wish Rick would return to wrestling full-time and go after the title.

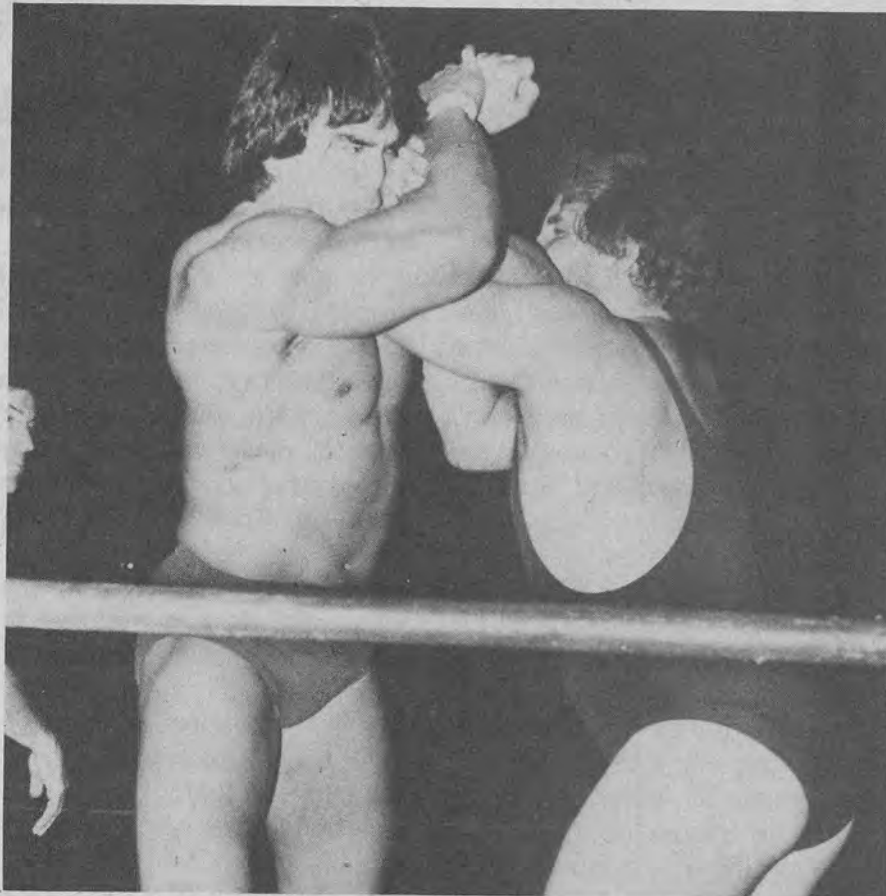
"It got to the point," one claims, "where Rick couldn't stand the pressure. He was Rookie of the Year in 1977, a star when most of his contemporaries were still prelim wrestlers, and always being pegged as a future champion. Then when he didn't deliver, not the way he thought people wanted him to deliver, he got scared. He began to feel like a failure and started looking for other ways to satisfy himself. When I first knew Rick, all he cared about was wrestling. Now, I still think he cares most about wrestling, but he won't admit it to himself."

Another friend thinks, "Rick





Although he is only wrestling part-time, Steamboat's gymwork keeps him in prime physical condition. Rick bodyslams Dory Funk Jr. (above) and engages in a test of strength with Don Kernodle (below).



doesn't believe in himself anymore, not the way he should. When Ric Flair became NWA champion, it took something out of Rick. He always expected he would be the young champion, not Flair. Whether he wants to face it or not, he's running away from what he feels is his failure."

Still another colleague adds, "We aren't judging him. None of us had his early success and the high expectations. When he came up, Rick was in a class by himself. What he went through none of us could imagine. If things came too slow, if he felt that he wasn't realizing his promise, that's understandable. If he wants to bury his ambition in that gym of his, I guess that's his business. He's wrong, but we can't blame him."

Perhaps no one will ever know the complex truth behind Rick Steamboat's semi-retirement. But there is one man who thinks he does. And he's not afraid to make himself known. His name is Ric Flair, and he's the NWA World champion.

"You don't have to tell me who your anonymous sources are," Flair angrily told *Sports Review Wrestling*. "I think I know who they are. I won't reveal them, but I'll tell you what I think of them: I think they're very jealous men. Men who are pretty good wrestlers—though not championship material—and can do nothing else in this world.

"What they see in Steamboat is a man who can possibly win a the World title, but whose life doesn't revolve around one goal.

"No," Flair continued, "there is no hidden reason why Rick Steamboat owns a gym and wrestles part-time. That's just the way he chooses to lead his life. Hey, I've been in the ring with him many times, and if he doesn't want to devote himself to a World title match at this point in his life, I'm glad." □

# **GINO HERNANDEZ: "IF MIKE VON ERICH HAD GUTS, HE'D WRESTLE MY FEMALE BODYGUARD!"**

Photos by Buddy Myers

**"M**IKE VON ERICH, I challenge you to a one-fall match with a 30-minute time limit. No titles at stake, just your reputation, your ranking, and the respect of professional wrestling. And if you turn down this challenge, everyone, and I mean everyone, will know the reason why. Because you were afraid . . .

“ . . . to wrestle a woman!”

The words come from a 6'2", 205-pound woman clad in black leather, studded neck and wrist collars, and chrome-plated steel chains. Her blonde hair sticks straight up in a punk-inspired hair style. Her makeup is harsh; her black eye shadow extends from the corners of her eyes to her temples, her lipstick is bright red.

Her name is Nicola Roberts, although some have gone so far as to call her “Andrea the Lady Giant.” She would look more at home standing in front of a new wave band than in a wrestling ring, but she is indeed a part of the World Class wrestling scene, although not a very well-liked part. As Gino Hernandez’s bodyguard, she has made a hoard of enemies just by association, and due to her recent actions,



***There's only one employee on Gino Hernandez's payroll and, according to the boss, she's all he needs. At 6'2" and 205 pounds, Gino's bodyguard, Nicola Roberts, has earned the nickname "Andrea the Giant." And now, Hernandez and Roberts have stunned World Class Wrestling with an unusual challenge***

she has alienated many more of the Texas fans.

"They're just jealous," Hernandez said. "They see this woman, this incredible woman that stands before you right now, and they see all the power she possesses. She's an ominous presence. For you dweebs who don't know what that means, let's just say she has the potential to be the most destructive force professional wrestling has ever seen.

gest of the Von Erich brothers could prove quite interesting. The Von Erich family's refusal to comment on the challenge might be misread, as Roberts said, as a sign of fear. But World Class Wrestling referee David Manning has a different viewpoint. "I see it this way," he said. "Mike Von Erich is a former American heavyweight champion, and although he has been wrestling for only a little more than a year, he's developed into a champi-

So I think that it's best that Mike ignore this whole thing. Hernandez and Roberts are just trying to tarnish his reputation."

"Let's just put it this way," Roberts said. "If he doesn't wrestle me, he loses. If he wrestles me, he loses. Either way, he can't win. I'm in the position of power. You see, the way the world is a woman doesn't have to prove she can beat a man. If I would happen to lose this match by some fluke, no less



A mixed tag team match at Dallas' Cotton Bowl pitted Mike Von Erich and Stella Mae French against Gino Hernandez and Nicola Roberts. It was a thrilling, brutal battle. Von Erich rushes into the ring to rescue Stella Mae from Roberts' vicious attack (above). Roberts kicks Stella Mae in the spine (right).



"When I hired Nicola," Hernandez continued, "I never realized what kind of potential she had. I knew she was big, she was strong, and she was capable of taking on the task of protecting me from those people who . . . well, let's just say the people who don't like me too much. But since I've come to understand Nicola . . ." Hernandez paused in a exaggerated attempt at the dramatic. ". . . I've realized how important she could be, to me and to wrestling." Hernandez failed to elaborate on what he meant by "important."

Roberts challenge to the young-

onship-caliber athlete. In my mind, Nicola Roberts and Gino Hernandez are just trying to grab some headlines, get some attention. And I guess it's worked.

"I don't think this girl would ever go through with it. But it's strictly academic, because I know a Von Erich would never agree to something like this. The Von Erichs don't wrestle women. It's just not their way. They're a traditional Texas family. They were raised well.

"And even if it did happen, she wouldn't have a chance. Not only because she's a woman, but because she is not a trained wrestler.

would be thought of me.

"But little Mikey has to prove he can beat me. That's the way of the world, babe. Men are all-powerful and women are their doormats, just waiting to be stepped on. Well not this woman. I'm big and strong and I can do anything a man can. Anything, including beating them in a wrestling match. And he can ignore this as much as he wants, but it'll only hurt him."

One question that had not yet been asked is why Roberts doesn't compete as a wrestler in the woman's division and aim for a title shot against World Women's cham-



pion Wendi Richter.

"There's no challenge there," Roberts laughed. "Wrestle a woman? Let me tell you a little story. When I was in high school, I wanted to play softball. I went to tryouts in my freshman year and I blew everyone away. But they wouldn't take me on the team. When I asked why, they said it wouldn't be fair. I was too big, too strong.

"Ever since then I've been challenging men. I arm-wrestle them in bars and I win. I challenge them to bench press more than me in the gym and I win. I win everything, and this time it's no different. The best part about this challenge is that I win without doing anything. Mike Von Erich is too scared to take me up on my challenge. So I just sit back and win by default."

Roberts sat back in her chair and mockingly took a look at her fingernails. "Just another helpless female," she said coyly, "depending on some big, strong man to take me up on my offer. I'm ready Mikey, are you?" □

The 205-pound Roberts, who is trying to embarrass Mike Von Erich by challenging him to a match, steps across Stella Mae's throat (left). Roberts and Kerry Von Erich stare each other down (below). Roberts and Garvin have been unable to intimidate Kerry.

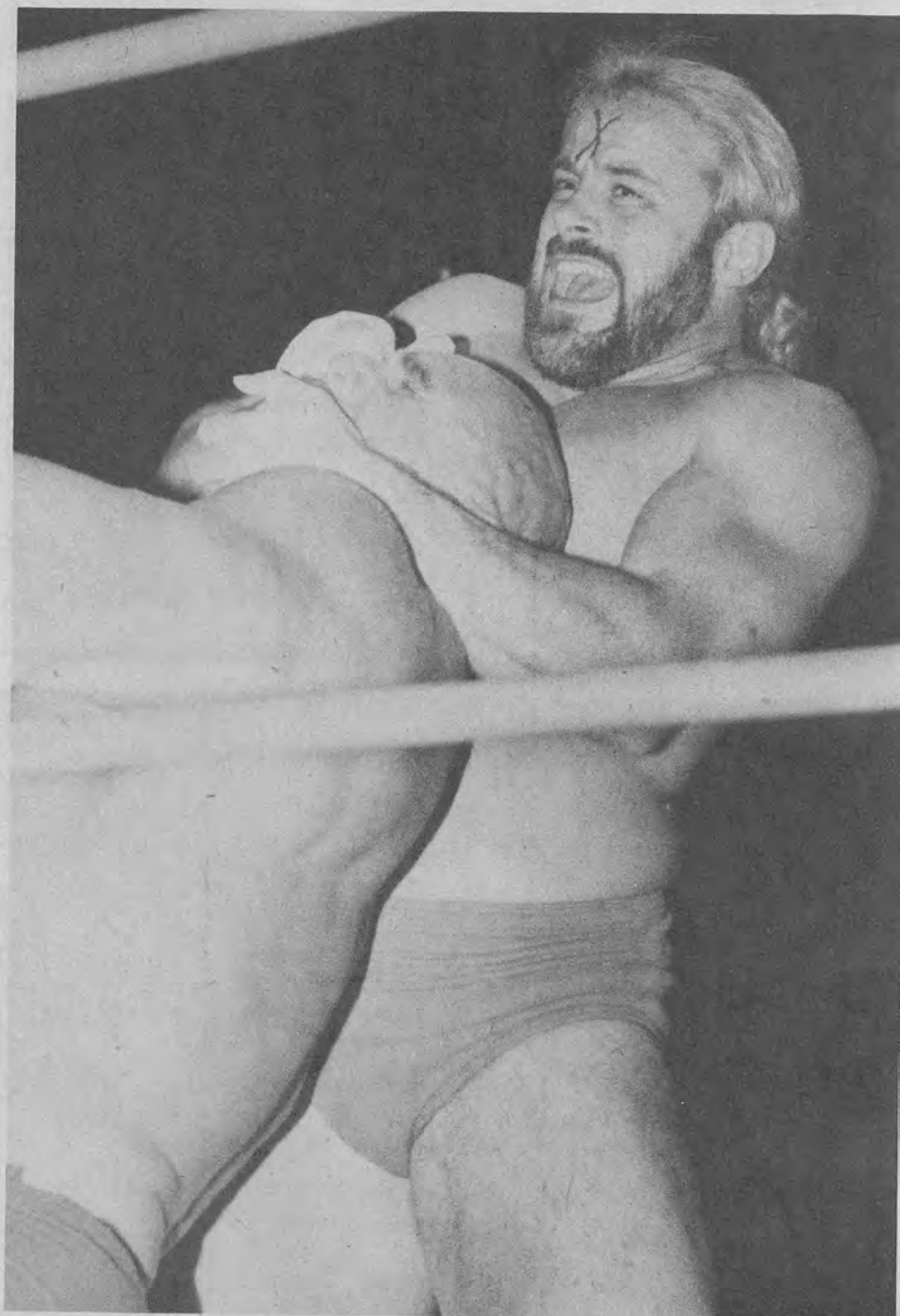


# **CAN SUPERSTAR GRAHAM EVER ESCAPE KEVIN SULLIVAN'S DEMONIC GRIP?**

**I**T WAS THE kind of night when a brave man figures other people are scared. The wind had a sort of balmy dampness that surrounded you like a damp well. The moon was slightly more than a slit in the sky and the stars had a milky iridescence when they could be seen through the mist. It wasn't the most pleasant night to be in a cabin on the Florida Keys.

It wasn't the most pleasant night to be Superstar Billy Graham. He sat on the cabin porch and stared into the fog, not expecting to see anything but unable to be surprised if he did. He hadn't wanted this interview, perhaps because he knew there was too much to say and not enough to understand. There was no trust between himself and the reporter, but Graham hasn't trusted anyone for a long time.

When he finally spoke, he didn't sound like the Superstar Graham we have come to know over the years. He wasn't boastful or loud; he was more philosophical. When Graham speaks about the time he spent as a member of Kevin Sullivan's coven, he is a different man. "Many people wondered if I really believed Sullivan's mumbo-jumbo about Satanism," Graham began. "I suppose I didn't believe it as much as some, but there's a lot of things in this life we don't understand. Throughout history, people who told the truth were often considered mad.



**Though Superstar Graham is now Kevin Sullivan's avowed enemy, why can't Graham feel that he is no longer under Sullivan's power? Is Sullivan's Satanism even more dangerous than anyone ever suspected? If Graham is an example, Sullivan may be the most frightening figure in wrestling history**



Superstar Graham knows that if he is ever going to break completely with Kevin Sullivan, he will have to soundly defeat him. Graham strangles Sullivan (above). Sullivan goes after the Superstar's eyes in retaliation (opposite page). When the two made eye contact (below), Graham's pace seemed to slow down.



"I'm not convinced there's anything to Satanism, but I won't say it's nonsense. I don't care if people think it's bad; people have called me bad, too. But the power of Satan, if it exists, you'd be crazy to turn away from it.

"Look, I hate Sullivan. The man's a pig. What bothers me, though, and what I want people to understand, is that a man doesn't leave his coven. There's a pull that's too strong, a powerful force that makes you afraid of being on your own. Hell, I'm not afraid, that's the wrong word, and I guess saying hell wasn't the best idea, either. It's that you grow dependent on the coven and Satan's influence."

Graham took a deep breath and fell silent. He seemed entranced by the sounds of the ocean and the night. His huge hand then contracted into a fist and he raised it slightly. The fist trembled for several seconds before his fingers relaxed.

"The Superstar has been all over the world and studied many different philosophies," Graham continued in a throaty voice. "In the Far East, I learned to make my mind and my body work as one, and the result was the fighting machine that you see before

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# DAVID SAMMARTINO'S MAD



## An Exclusive Analysis By Bruno Sammartino!

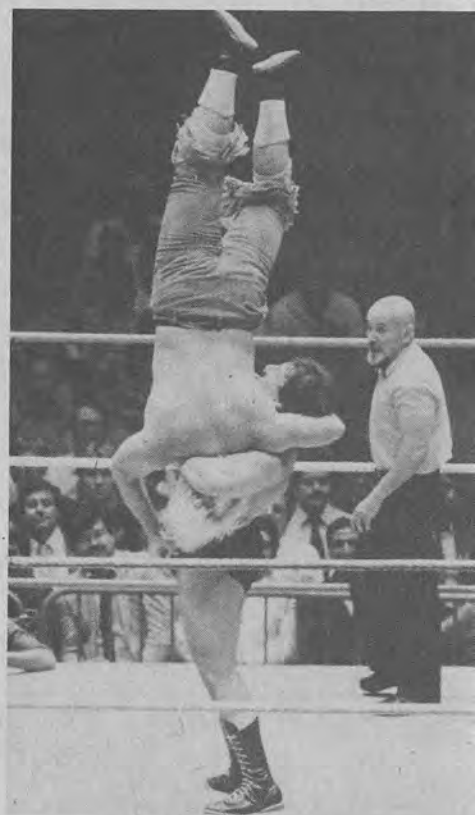
**B**EFORE DAVID'S MADISON Square Garden match, I told him first of all not to be like I was. As I remember very well, the first time I wrestled in the old Madison Square Garden, I was extremely, extremely nervous. And in being so nervous, I found myself—who had trained extremely hard and was in very good shape—I found myself breathing very heavy, even when I got into the ring. It was from nerves. And because of that, I was not able to execute any of my wrestling skills very well. I had to rely on my strength mainly.

So I told David to be relaxed. Go

out there, be relaxed, don't be intimidated that this is Madison Square Garden. Pretend in your mind that it's just another arena. Don't let the name Madison Square Garden intimidate you, so that when you go there, you will be able to show the fans David Sammartino the wrestler, and the skills that you possess. I kept telling him that to the very last.

And even though I wasn't there in person, I saw a tape of the match, and he did exactly that. David demonstrated wrestling skills and great strength.

Some people are speculating that there may be a change in my son Da-



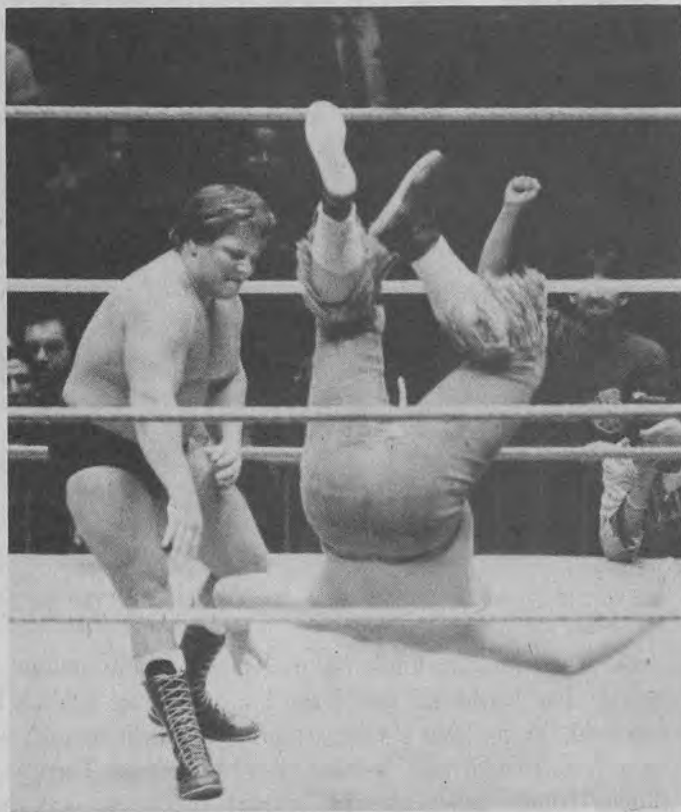
vid's style between now and, say, six or eight months ago when he was in the Georgia area.

I don't think that there's a big difference as far as style. What I think, if there's any change at all, is that it's just the natural change of maturity. David is growing, he's talented, and I think that as time goes on his talents are showing more and more.

I think that basically you're seeing the same wrestler now as a year ago. As far as moves and everything, I would say that maybe there's a little more finesse to what he does now. But as far as to suggest that he's a different wrestler from six or seven months ago, I wouldn't say that's true. Yes, he's improving all the time, but basically he's maintaining the same style.

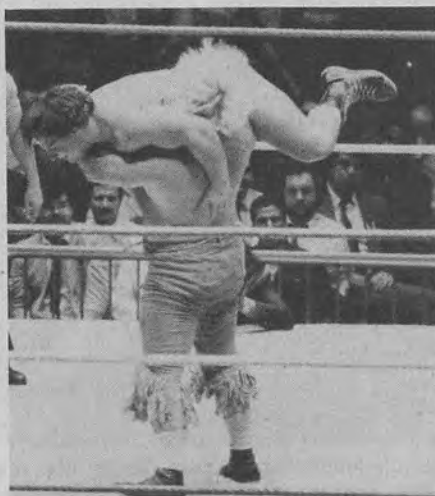
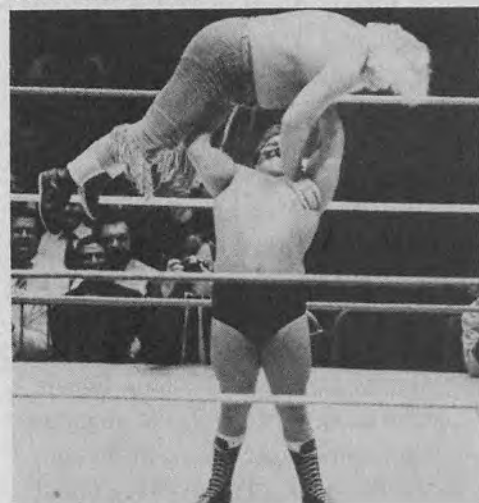
David has got a variety of suplexes that he uses, and he used them in his Madison Square Garden debut match against Moondog Spot. He does what we call the vertical suplex; that's where he facelocks a guy and then hooks him by the inside of the thigh and lifts him

# SON SQUARE GARDEN DEBUT



***In what was certainly one of the most historic events in wrestling in 1984, David Sammartino, son of two-time former WWF champion the "Living Legend" Bruno Sammartino, made his Madison Square Garden debut. In this exclusive Sports Review Wrestling feature, Bruno talks about his son's career and that remarkable New York City debut***

David Sammartino is one of the few men strong enough to lift another man straight over his head (below left). David also showed that he can absorb punishment (below right) and still come back to win.

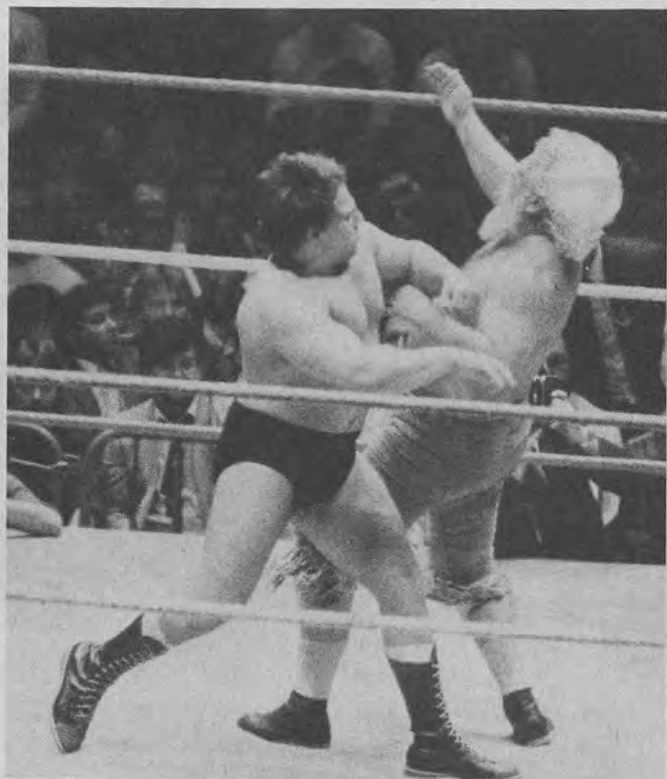


David Sammartino's suplex takes Moondog Spot up and over (opposite page, right). David delivers a right (top left) and throws his opponent down on his shoulders (above).

straight up and back. He does that well; very, very well, in fact. He also does what we call the double chicken wing suplex, where he hooks both arms of the opponent and shoots him back. He's got about four different versions of suplexes, and he does all of them well.

In his match against Moondog Spot, David lifted the Moondog over his head. Now when I think of that move, I think about what an enormous amount of strength it takes.

You see, sometimes people do not know how to differentiate the qualities of strength in a wrestler. For example, when you see somebody getting caught in a wristlock, say something like Ivan Putski does where he overpowers the guy and throws him off, that shows that he is stronger than that individual in that particular sense, in that one position.



David teaches Spot how to roll over—the hard way (left). A left forearm to the chest staggers the Moondog (above).

But when you take a guy 280 or 290 pounds, like David did, and press him overhead, to me that's superstrength. That is a strength that, without mentioning names, other so-called strong men will not be able to do. It takes balance—it's extremely awkward when you're dealing with a human body, the way the body is structured, to push a man overhead like that. It takes an

enormous amount of strength, and you don't see a whole lot of people known for their strength who will press a man like that. There's a few, but David is one of the very few who will do that.

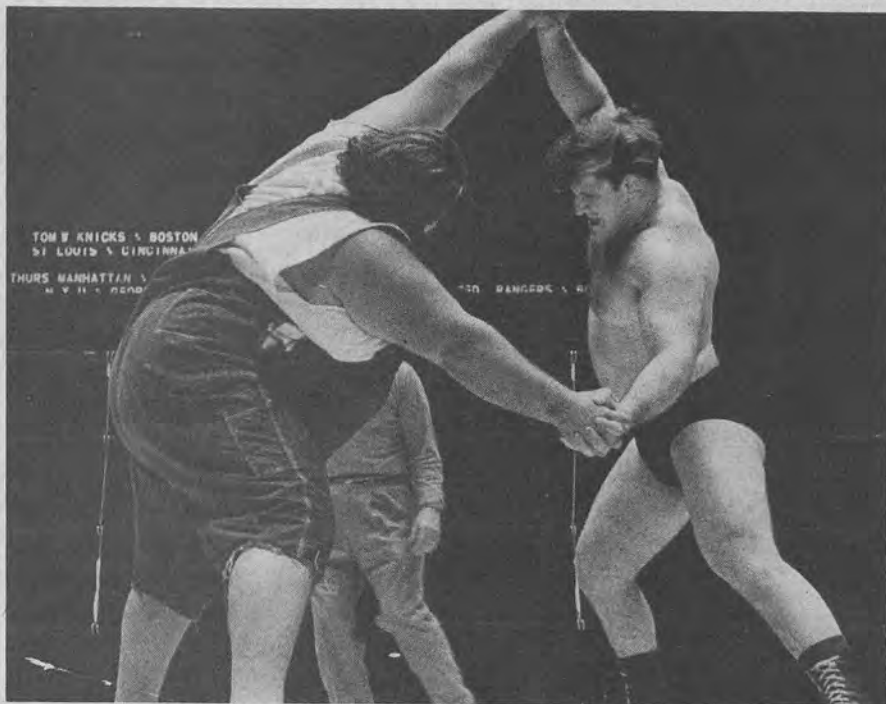
Now as far as finishing holds go, there's one that he does, which I dare to say he does better than anyone I've ever seen, and I've seen quite a few use it. It is what we call the powerslam.

The reason why I say David does it better than anybody, first of all, is that he usually catches an opponent as he comes off the ropes, scoops him up to what looks like a bodyslam, and then he flies through the air with the other man. And not only that, as he brings him down with all of his weight and knocks the wind out of him, he immediately scissors the right leg of his opponent and hooks the left leg with his other arm, tying his man into a small package. If he hasn't knocked all the wind out of his opponent from this devastating powerslam, he hooks him in a fashion that it would make it impossible for the opponent to escape. And nobody else does that.

Right now I am very, very pleased with everything that David is doing. The only thing that I would caution him on right now is that he seems a little too anxious to wrestle everybody.

One must be patient. Because with patience, you'll get the opponents you want and the experience you need. With time and with each opponent, David will improve.

And as far as his Madison Square Garden debut goes—well, I'm about as proud as any father can be of his son. David has made me very, very proud of him. □



Bruno Sammartino recalls his early matches at the old Madison Square Garden (this one against Haystacks Calhoun) and how nervous he was. He urged his son to remain calm before his Garden debut.



# SAN ANTONIO'S NIGHT OF MAYHEM

***The Road Warriors and The Kiwi Shepherders battle each other in a sadistic display of senseless violence. Steel rips flesh as Killer Brooks and Manny Fernandez savagely brutalize each other inside the steel cage. Carlos Colon and Abdullah the Butcher slash each other's heads to grisly ribbons of skin and blood. This is no nightmare—it's just a night of professional wrestling: Southwest style!***

Photos by Buddy Myers

**T**O MANY WRESTLING FANS, there isn't a more exciting night of wrestling than a card of matches held in the Southwest area. To these fans, such men as The Kiwi Shepherders, Killer Brooks, Eric Embry, and Al Madril, represent a level of determined competitiveness that can't be matched anywhere else.

And when you take these Southwest area regulars and season the lineup with names like The Road Warriors, Abdullah the Butcher, and Carlos Colon—well, the result is a night of unparalleled action and excitement that can only be characterized by the lineup of matches themselves: The Road Warriors vs. The Kiwi Shepherders, Carlos Colon vs. Abdullah the Butcher, Killer Brooks vs. Manny Fernandez, Chicky Starr & Brett Sawyer vs. Eric Embry & Dan Greer, and Voodoo Mulumba & Al Madril vs. Pierre LeFebvre & Frenchy Martin.

These matches aren't simply bursts of violence in wrestling—several of the matches have had a significant effect on the sport as a whole:

● The Killer Brooks-Manny Fernandez confrontation is the match that ostensibly drove Fernandez out of Texas. (Brooks would agree wholeheartedly with this assessment; Fernandez would not!) Shortly after this match occurred,

Fernandez went to the Mid-Atlantic area, teamed with Dusty Rhodes, and captured the NWA World tag team title.

● The Road Warriors are nothing short of devastating wherever they go, but when they ran up against The Kiwi Shepherders, a team that enjoys absorbing punishment almost as much as the Warriors enjoy dishing it out, the result was a level bloody chaos and destruction that photos can only hint at. This is the match that prompted major coverage in the February 1985 issue of our sister publication *The Wrestler*.

● Carlos Colon's bloody match in San Antonio with Abdullah the Butcher was just the latest in a long series of horrible matches that have claimed more pints of blood than any wrestling fan can imagine. While incredibly violent, this match didn't solve the long-running feud between Colon and Abdullah. Indeed, it simply proved that this feud is going to get far worse before it ever gets better.

On the pages that follow, you'll see these three matches, and much, much more. *Sports Review Wrestling* is proud to be able to provide you with this ringside seat for all the blow-by-blow action and mayhem of Texas wrestling—Southwest style! □

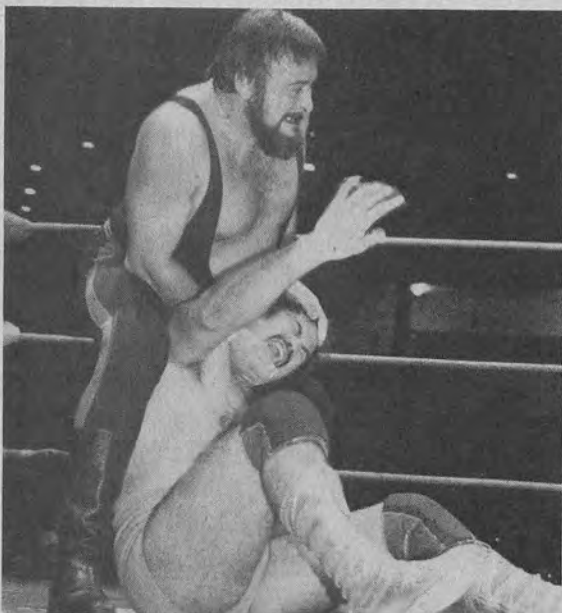


## Leo Burke Defeats Steve Dupree

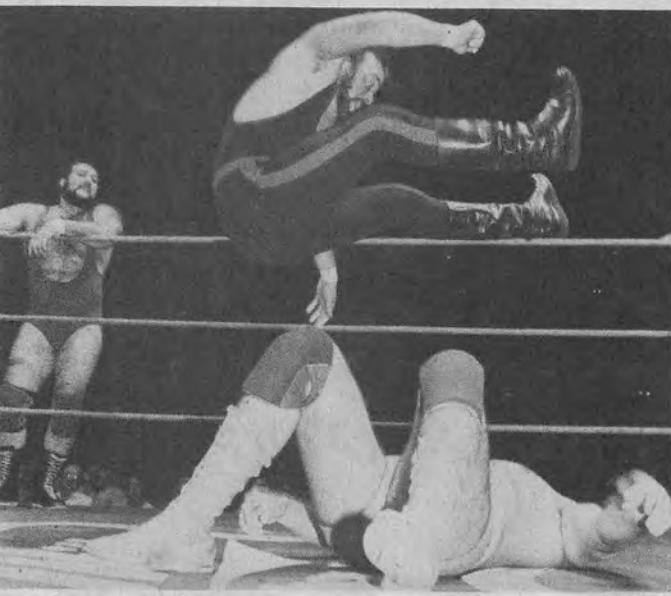


Left: Dupree applies a figure-four ambar on Burke. Above: Holding Dupree in a headlock, Burke contemplates his next move.

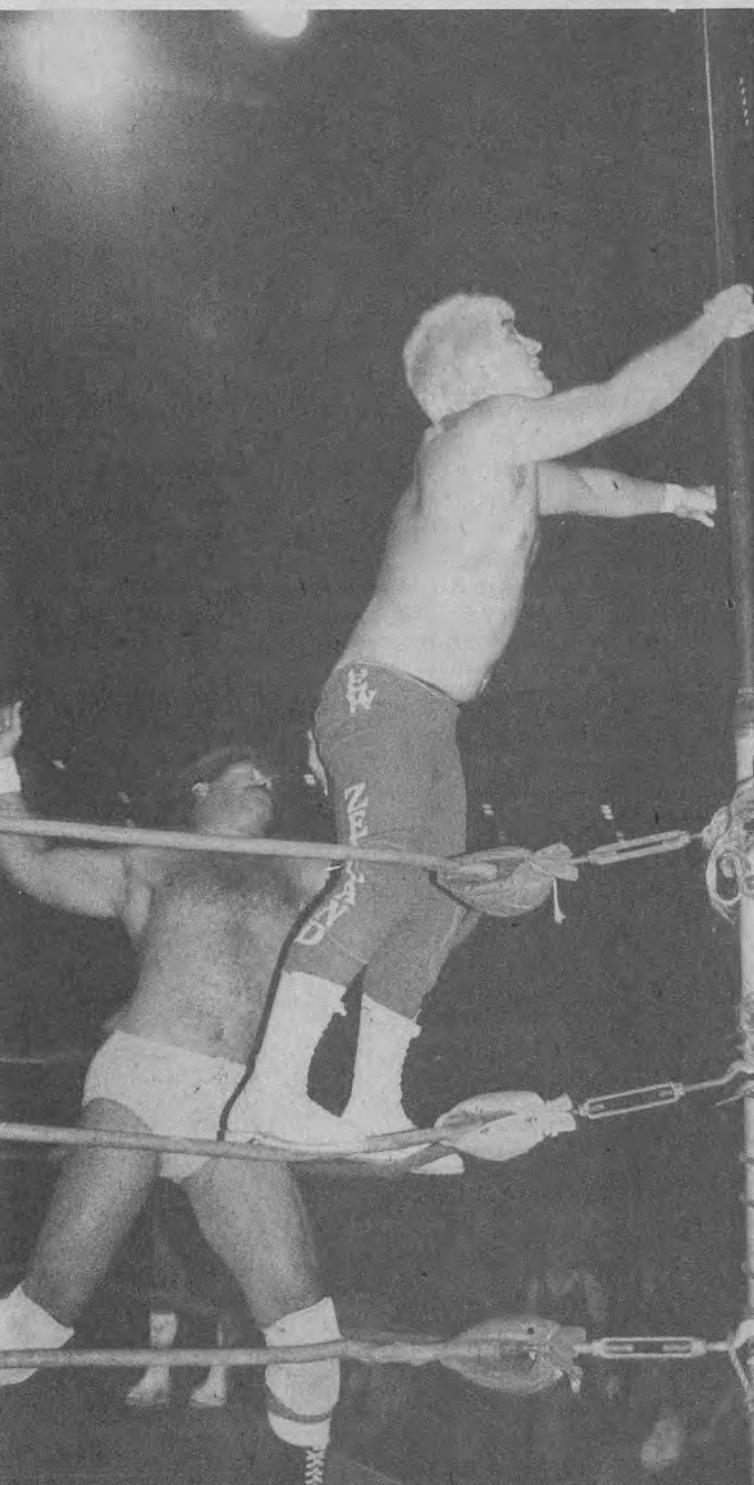
## Alberto Madril & Voodoo Mulumba Defeat Frenchy Martin & Pierre Lefebvre



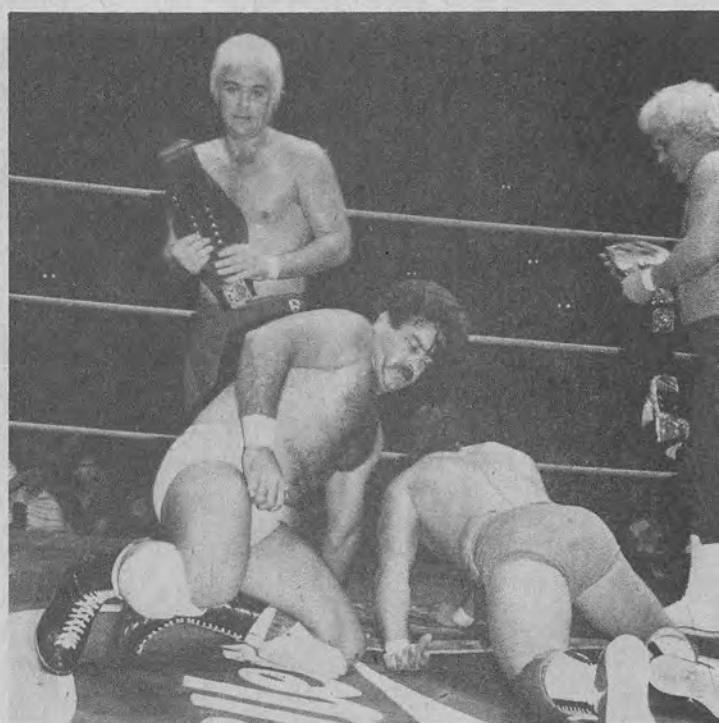
Above left: Martin tries to break Madril's neck. Below left: Martin performs a seatdrop on Madril's arm. Above: Voodoo Mulumba introduces Lefebvre to Martin. Right: Lefebvre and Martin, double-teaming Madril, would lose by disqualification.



# Eric Embry & Dan Greer Draw With Chicky Starr & Brett Sawyer



The Southwest belts had been held up, so officials literally put them up for grabs. The belts were placed on a pole and the new champions would be the team that could retrieve them. Above: Embry makes an attempt. Top Right: Starr follows. Both men would end up with one belt and the title would not be filled this night. Right: Embry and Greer grab both belts and attack their opponents with them. (Weeks later, Starr and Sawyer would earn a clean victory and win the title).



## Carlos Colon Draws With Abdullah the Butcher



Barely five minutes had passed in the match when the action strayed to the arena floor. Left: Abdullah, having opened a gash on Colon's head, chokes his helpless foe. Above: Colon would break open the Butcher's head with a chair.



Left: Colon rings Abdullah's ears with a series of kicks. Above: Colon grabs a foreign object from Abdullah and smashes him repeatedly in the face. The referee did not disqualify him, but, ultimately, both men would be counted out of the ring.

# Killer Brooks Defeats Manny Fernandez

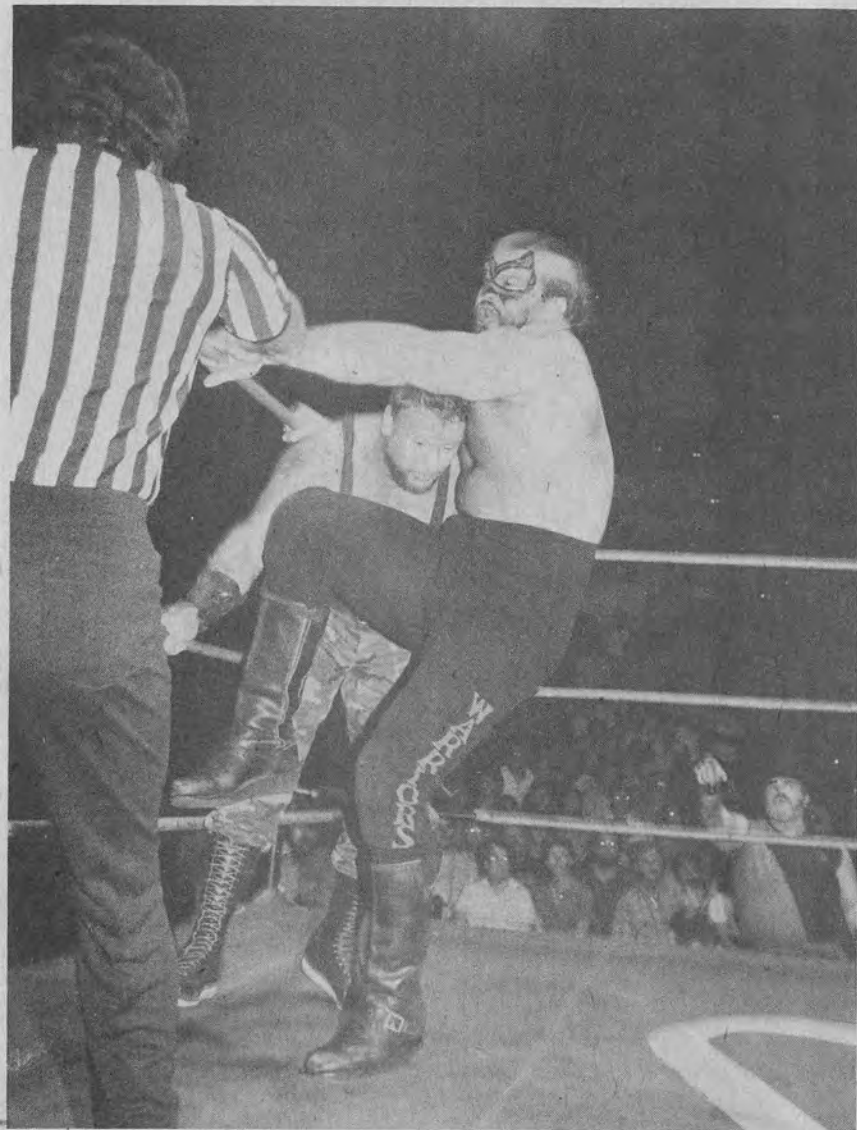


Above: Brooks, barely able to see through his own blood, pummels Fernandez. Right: His arms tangled in the ropes, Brooks knows that he's in trouble.

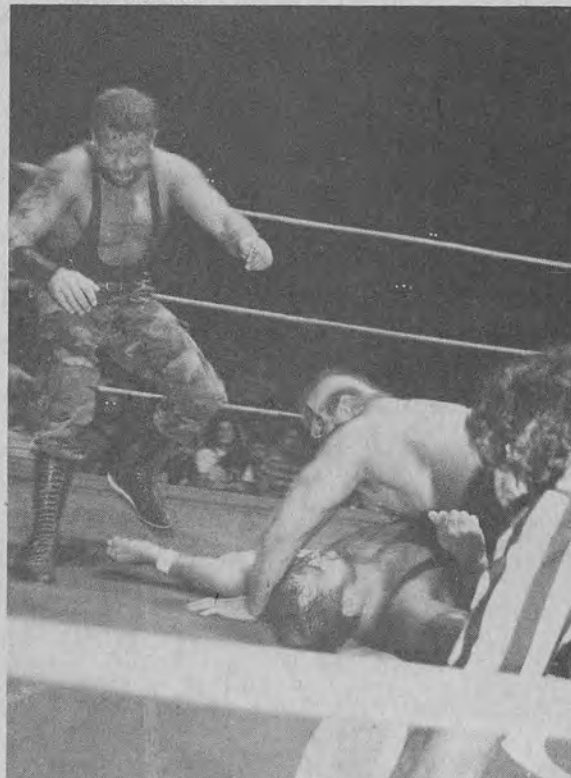


Left: Miraculously, Brooks would manage to slide away from the dropping Fernandez. Above: Brooks leaves the ring, and Fernandez would have to leave town.

# The Road Warriors vs. The Shepherders: Double-Disqualification



Left: Shepherd manager Jonathan Boyd alerts referee George Stevens about the illegality of Animal's attack on Crazy Luke Williams. Above: Hawk's offensive leaves Butch Miller dazed.



Above: Crazy Luke rescues Miller from Animal's pin attempt. Left: With referee Stevens down in the corner, The Road Warriors are free to double-team Williams.

# RATINGS ANALYSIS

**Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating more than 150 wrestlers in 14 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.**

*It's been a VERY eventful month:* Plenty of title changes have occurred since our last issue, changes that have affected many categories in the ratings. We would like to draw your attention to the following:

**Kerry Von Erich** won the World Class American title from **Gino Hernandez** and is now ranked number one in the World Class area ratings. That's a change from last month's rating when Hernandez, who held *both* the American and Texas titles, was ranked number one ...



**Kerry Von Erich**

**Ronnie Garvin** defeated **Ted DiBiase** for the National heavyweight title in Baltimore and moves into the number one spot in the Georgia area ... The World Class tag team title changed *twice* since our last issue: In our January ratings, **Iceman Parsons** and **Buck Zumhofe** held the belts. The team of **Scott** and **Bill Irwin** won the belts from Parsons and Zumhofe, and now **The Fantastics**, **Tommy Rogers** and **Bobby Fulton**, have captured the title. They are now rated number seven in the tag team ratings ... **Dusty Rhodes** and **Manny Fernandez** defeated the team of **Ivan Koloff** and **Don Kernodle** for the NWA World tag team belts, and move into the number two spot in the tag team category ... Also in the tag team ratings, **The Rock 'n' Roll Express**, **Rick Morton** and **Robert Gibson**, won the Mid-South tag team title from **The Midnight Express**, **Dennis Condrey** and **Bobby Eaton**; Morton & Gibson are now rated in the number five spot ... **Jesse Barr** succeeded in defeating **Scott McGhee** for the Florida heavyweight title; Barr is now rated number two in the Florida area ... **Ernie Ladd** captured the North American heavyweight title from **Magnum T.A.** and is now ranked number one in the Mid-South ... **Billy Jack** lost the Pacific Northwest heavyweight title to **Rip "The Crippler" Oliver**, who is now rated number one in that area.

You might say it's been a busy month!

*Closeup on the junior heavyweights:* It's not uncommon in our offices to receive a letter like the one below from Stephen Chapmann of Honolulu, Hawaii:

*I read just about every wrestling magazine on the newsstand, and I'm dismayed by the lack of coverage given to the junior heavyweight division. That division boasts some of the world's most talented athletes, and personally, I prefer to watch junior heavyweights more than the heavyweights. They're lighter, quicker on their feet, and their matches are usually the most exciting scientific encounters one can see anywhere in wrestling. It's too bad that there aren't more junior heavyweights on the scene who are proud of being*

*junior heavyweights—it always seems like they're trying to bulk up and compete for the NWA World heavyweight title. What a shame.*

We agree that the junior heavyweight division doesn't receive enough coverage and attention. So from time to time, "Ratings Analysis" will look at the top 10 junior heavyweights in the world.

A special note about these ratings: Until recently, **Les Thornton** was the holder of the NWA World junior heavyweight title. But Thornton no longer holds that honor, having failed to make a required number of title defenses over the last 90 days. We spoke with NWA President **Bob Geigel** to learn what will happen to that title. "I'm considering several alternatives right now," Geigel said, "and the possibility of a tournament seems likely at this point in time. But so far, no final decision has been made."

A quick listing of other recognized junior heavyweight titles: **Steve Regal** holds the AWA World junior heavyweight title, **Bill Ash** holds the NWA U.S. junior heavyweight title, and **Mike Jackson** holds the Alabama junior heavyweight title.

The names listed below are the top 10 junior heavyweights in the world:



**Steve Regal**

## THE JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHTS

- 1—**STEVE REGAL**  
221, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2—**BILL ASH**  
224, Paris, AR
- 3—**BUCK ZUMHOFE**  
222, Hamburg, MN
- 4—**TOMMY ROGERS**  
217, Tampa, FL
- 5—**MIKE GRAHAM**  
229, Tampa, FL
- 6—**MIKE JACKSON**  
192, Birmingham, AL
- 7—**TIM HORNER**  
228, Morristown, TN
- 8—**CHAVO GUERRERO**  
224, Juarez, Mexico
- 9—**MIKE VON ERICH**  
220, Denton, TX
- 10—**SCOTT ARMSTRONG**  
200, Marietta, GA

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# OFF WRESTLIN

Ratings are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and the inherent skill of each wrestler. These ratings are compiled by the editors and are universally recognized as official.



Ronnie Garvin

## TOP 10

- 1—**RIC FLAIR**  
243, Minneapolis, MN
- 2—**RICK MARTEL**  
236, Quebec City, Quebec
- 3—**DUSTY RHODES**  
302, Austin, TX
- 4—**HULK HOGAN**  
305, Venice Beach, CA
- 5—**KERRY VON ERICH**  
251, Denton, TX
- 6—**WAHOO McDANIEL**  
260, Midland, TX
- 7—**GREG VALENTINE**  
243, Seattle, WA
- 8—**KEVIN VON ERICH**  
239, Denton, TX
- 9—**RONNIE GARVIN**  
231, Montreal, Quebec
- 10—**MAGNUM T.A.**  
245, Chesapeake, VA

## TAG TEAMS

- 1—**THE ROAD WARRIORS**  
*AWA World tag team champions*  
Combined weight: 567 pounds
- 2—**DUSTY RHODES & MANNY FERNANDEZ**  
*NWA World tag team champions*  
Combined weight: 565 pounds
- 3—**STEVE KEIRN & STAN LANE**  
*Mid-Southern tag team champions*  
Combined weight: 479 pounds
- 4—**DICK MURDOCH & ADRIAN ADONIS**  
*WWF tag team champions*  
Combined weight: 521 pounds
- 5—**RICK MORTON & ROBERT GIBSON**  
*Mid-South tag team champions*  
Combined weight: 453 pounds
- 6—**RON BASS & BLACK BART**  
*Mid-Atlantic tag team champions*  
Combined weight: 546 pounds
- 7—**TOMMY ROGERS & BOBBY FULTON**  
*World Class tag team champions*  
Combined weight: 462 pounds
- 8—**KRUSHER KHRUSHCHEV & JIM NEIDHARDT**  
*U.S. tag team champions*  
Combined weight: 551 pounds
- 9—**RIP ROGERS & TED OATES**  
*National tag team champions*  
Combined weight: 473 pounds
- 10—**CHAVO & HECTOR GUERRERO**  
*No. 1 contenders for Mid-South tag team title*  
Combined weight: 472 pounds

NWA and AWA ratings are compiled with the assistance of wrestlers, promoters, and reporters. "Most Popular" and "Most Hated" ratings are based on nationwide surveys of wrestling fans and on mail that comes to our offices.

## NWA

*World Champion:*

- RIC FLAIR**  
243, Minneapolis, MN
- 1—**DUSTY RHODES**  
302, Austin, TX
  - 2—**WAHOO McDANIEL**  
260, Midland, TX
  - 3—**KERRY VON ERICH**  
251, Denton, TX
  - 4—**RONNIE GARVIN**  
231, Montreal, Quebec
  - 5—**HARLEY RACE**  
253, Kansas City, MO
  - 6—**PEZ WHATLEY**  
238, El Paso, TX
  - 7—**JESSE BARR**  
243, Portland, OR
  - 8—**COWBOY RON BASS**  
265, Pampa, TX
  - 9—**KEVIN VON ERICH**  
239, Denton, TX
  - 10—**GINO HERNANDEZ**  
224, Houston, TX

## AWA

*World Champion:*

- RICK MARTEL**  
236, Quebec City, Quebec
- 1—**NICK BOCKWINKEL**  
245, Beverly Hills, CA
  - 2—**MR. SAITO**  
247, Osaka, Japan
  - 3—**BILLY ROBINSON**  
246, Manchester, England
  - 4—**BRAD RHEINGANS**  
248, Appleton, MN
  - 5—**JIM BRUNZELL**  
225, Minneapolis, MN
  - 6—**CRUSHER BLACKWELL**  
474, Stone Mountain, GA
  - 7—**JIM GARVIN**  
235, Tampa, FL
  - 8—**CURT HENNIG**  
235, Robinsdale, MN
  - 9—**LARRY ZBYSZKO**  
240, Pittsburgh, PA
  - 10—**STEVE O**  
226, Edina, MN

## MOST POPULAR

- 1—**KERRY VON ERICH**  
251, Denton, TX
- 2—**DUSTY RHODES**  
302, Austin, TX
- 3—**HULK HOGAN**  
305, Venice Beach, CA
- 4—**RICK MARTEL**  
236, Quebec City, Quebec
- 5—**SGT. SLAUGHTER**  
310, Parris Island, SC
- 6—**JUNKYARD DOG**  
260, New Orleans, LA
- 7—**MAGNUM T.A.**  
245, Chesapeake, VA
- 8—**RIC FLAIR**  
243, Minneapolis, MN
- 9—**ANDRE THE GIANT**  
497, Grenoble, France
- 10—**RONNIE GARVIN**  
231, Montreal, Quebec

## MOST HATED

- 1—**RODDY PIPER**  
231, Scotland
- 2—**CHRIS ADAMS**  
225, Stratford on Avon, England
- 3—**WAHOO McDANIEL**  
260, Midland, TX
- 4—**GREG VALENTINE**  
243, Seattle, WA
- 5—**KEVIN SULLIVAN**  
235, Boston, MA
- 6—**GINO HERNANDEZ**  
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Sgt. Slaughter grabs The Iron Sheik around the head and pounds away with his right fist. Matt Williams of Brookline, Massachusetts, feels the Sergeant is doing wrestling and America a great service.

especially want to see The Iron Sheik himself put out of wrestling and sent back to Iran where he belongs. I hate him for what he says about the United States, and also for putting Terry Daniels out of wrestling with help from that Russian jerk Volkoff. I will always love you and the Cobra Corps for the way you stick up for the U.S.A. Keep up the good work—we're all behind you 100 percent.

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Mascaras is a rare man in the world of wrestling. He has elevated the art of



Mil Mascaras tries to apply a full-nelson on Moondog Rex. Mil, writes Joseph King, has proven himself to be one of the greats and should be wrestling men like NWA World champion Ric Flair.

masked wrestling to the point where he is unquestionably the most respected member of that select fraternity. But he could bring masked wrestling so much farther than he already has.

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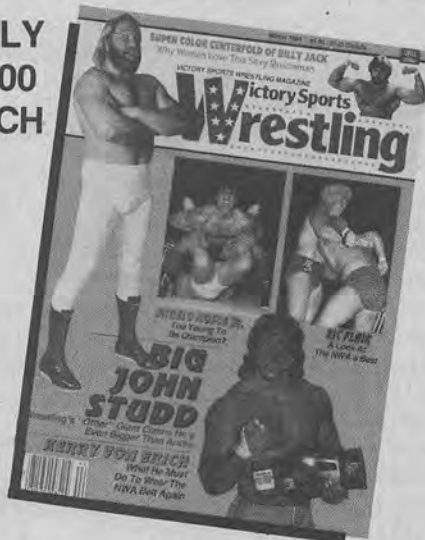
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**JOSEPH KING**  
Atlanta

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An open letter to Chris Adams:

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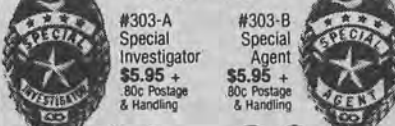
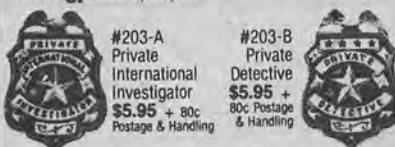
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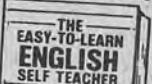
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As for your manager Hart, if Stella Mae isn't a woman, then what would you call *him*? I sure wouldn't say that he's a man. Stella Mae is 10 times more a woman than Hart is a man.

Chris, you don't deserve any friends like the Von Erichs or anyone else like them.

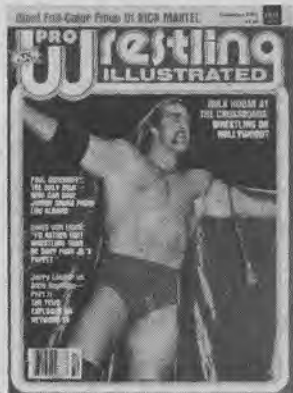
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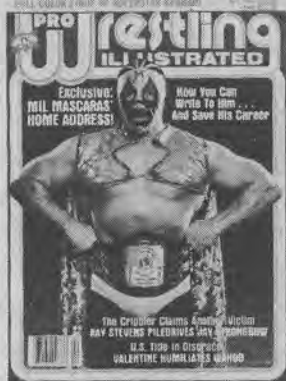
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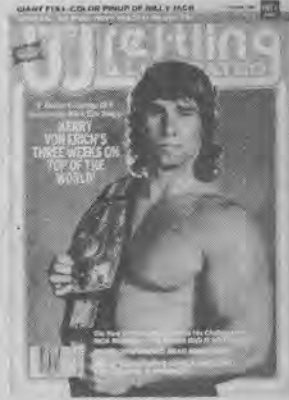
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and win a title. A good night's work if I must say so myself."

"The Von Erchs are the big losers tonight," Hernandez remarked. "They lost their belts and Kevin lost consciousness. What could be better? I hope everybody who saw the match now realizes that their precious Von Erchs are not supermen, are not gods, are not the be-all and end-all of Texas wrestling. They're just men. Jake, Chris, and myself just happen to be better men."

—Andrew Ray

**M**EMPHIS, TN: Jerry Lawler is the new Mid-Southern heavyweight champion, having defeated the 446-pound King Kong Bundy in a controversial match that involved an obviously fast count by special referee Rick Rude, Bundy's former tag team partner.



**JERRY LAWLER**

In the final moments of the bout, Bundy's manager, Jimmy Hart, Rude's former manager, offered Rude a fistful of cash to re-sign with Hart's "First Family" and make sure that Bundy won.

Fans at the Mid-South Coliseum were shocked when Rude grabbed the money from Hart, and they began to boo as Rude returned to the action in the ring. Rude, however, surprised the fans the next time Lawler had Bundy in a pinning position. Rude executed possibly the

quickest count ever administered by a referee and awarded Lawler the victory and the belt. Afterward, Lawler and Rude split Hart's cash and walked out of the ring to the cheers of the fans.

"Something is gonna be done about this," Hart screamed after the match. "You don't make a fool out of Jimmy Hart and get away with it. I made Rick Rude a star. Without me he wouldn't be allowed to sweep the floors at the Mid-South Coliseum, much less wrestle there. The kid is a disgusting little ingrate."

Bundy had similar words for his former partner. "I was cheated out of a victory and my championship. I don't care where the belt is right now. I just know that I'm the rightful champion, and so do all the people who watched the match. And Rick Rude, you better hire someone to watch your back, 'cause I don't let anyone get away with stealing championships from under my nose, especially scum like you."

—Randy Swift

**L**AKELAND, FL: Former WWF heavyweight champion Bob Backlund has signed with Florida promoters for a series of matches. Backlund, no stranger to the Sunshine State, last appeared here in the summer of 1983 when he defended the WWF title against Cowboy Ron Bass and Bobby Duncum.

"I last wrestled here steadily in 1976, and I came here because my college wrestling coaches told me that this was the place to prove myself. I still feel that some of the best wrestling in the world is going on right here, and I'm here to get in on it. The only way to stay sharp is to wrestle as many matches against as many different opponents as you can."

Backlund said he's looking to challenge for either the Florida State or Southern heavyweight titles. "Every-



**BOB BACKLUND**

body wants to be a champion, and I'm no different," Backlund said. "Both Pez Whatley and Jesse Barr are tough competitors, although I obviously have more respect for Pez than I do Jesse Barr. Still, I'm gonna work my hardest to climb up the ratings and challenge for one of those titles."

—Barry Simon

**A**TLANTA, GA: Ox Baker has been banned from appearing on television by the NWA wrestling commissioners in Georgia, but Baker doesn't care about the loss of publicity or income.

"What do I care," Baker growled. "I don't worry about money, and I don't worry about people knowing who I am. Everybody knows who Ox Baker is. I'm the man who ends the careers of young punks like Brad Armstrong and Tim Horner. I'm the man who has veterans like Bob Armstrong and Ronnie Garvin shaking in their boots."

"The only thing I care about is doing my job, and my job is beating the hell out of any man stupid enough to get in the ring with me. And there are a lot of stupid men

wrestling here in Georgia, men who want me to end their wrestling careers. That's why I don't care about this TV ban. They can ban me from TV, but they can't stop me from doing my job."

Baker's stated goal is Garvin's National heavyweight championship, and he plans to use his heart punch to reach that goal. "No one has ever gotten up after I gave them the heart punch," he said. "It's the most destructive maneuver in professional



**OX BAKER**

wrestling. It can stop a man cold, and I mean cold. Ronnie Garvin says he has hands of stone, but all I need is one punch, he's down for the count, and I've got the belt around my waist. And it's gonna happen."

—B.W. Foreman □

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## INQUIRING REPORTER

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There is no denying that Roddy Piper is well-spoken, articulate, and original. The question is: Does his presence on TV cause more harm than good?

on TV in Atlanta; he did color commentary with Gordon Solie. In the WWF he serves no purpose at all. All he does is insult people and compliment his friends. I say get him off the air."

Sam Gordon, Alton, IL: "No. I think they should let Roddy Piper stay on TV and do what he's been doing. For the first time, there's someone on television who telling the truth about wrestling. Piper knows what's going on. He's showing us all that men like Jimmy Snuka are idiots who aren't worth the support or admiration of the fans.

I think we should all thank Rowdy Roddy for his work on TV. His show is kind of like the *60 Minutes* of wrestling. The man is brilliant."

Tamara Preston, Providence, RI: "When I saw him squash a banana in Jimmy Snuka's face, I was sure that the WWF would take him off the air immediately, but he was on next week, more full of himself than ever before. I've never seen anyone take more delight in ranking on people in my life. I think that the WWF can't handle Piper. If they could, he wouldn't get away with half of the stuff he does."

Randall Vallen, Phoenix, AZ: "No one is forcing Piper's guests to be on the show. They know what they're getting into when they sit down in that chair. No one pushed Jimmy Snuka onto the set of 'Piper's Pit.' He was even a guest once before he got the pineapple-banana-coconut treatment. Personally, I don't like Jimmy Snuka all that much, and although it might not have been the most mature thing to do, I did get a kick out of Piper rubbing fruit in his face. No, they shouldn't ban Piper."

Delores Carp, Utica, NY: "You know, I don't want Piper banned from TV. I want to see him put out of wrestling for life, and I think the Tonga Kid is the guy to do it. Tonga has one thing going for him that's gonna make the difference in his matches with Piper; he's angry as hell about what Roddy did to his cousin Jimmy Snuka. Piper has no chance against the Kid. Once Tonga Kid is finished, no one will have to worry about putting their TV on and seeing that horrible man."

Colleen Riley, New York: "Obviously, there's no governing body of wrestling that's going to be able to ban Roddy Piper from television. The producers of the WWF wrestling shows gave him his 'Piper's Pit' segment, so they're the only people who can take it away. What we can do, though, is stop watching the show until they take Piper off, and then the ratings of the show would drop to practically nothing. Then I think the producers of the show would get the message."

Barbara Murphy, Salisbury, MD: "I'm wondering if it will do any good. I figure if they take away Piper's TV time, he'll have more time to wrestle and to manage wrestlers. I don't know if that would be such a good idea. We have enough trouble with him now. At least while he's on TV he can't be injuring wrestlers with his illegal tactics or teach those tactics to the wrestlers he manages. If anything, give him a whole hour, just so he stays out of the ring. But make that hour from 4 to 5 a.m."

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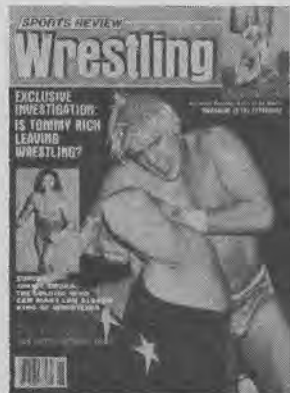
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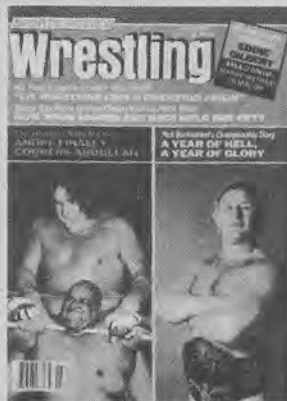
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## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

## 1979



Buddy Rogers came out of retirement to wrestle Ric Flair. Although the former WWF and NWA champion has the upper hand here, he quickly realized that he was wrestling in the wrong decade against the wrong man.

**H**ARLEY RACE RETURNED to the United States from Japan with the NWA World championship, having lost it for one week to Shohei Baba while on tour. "Why talk about Baba's victory," Race told reporters at St. Louis International Airport. "Let's talk about history, boys. I am now champion for the fourth time in my career. That makes me greater than any active wrestler today." Race would go on to win the coveted World title a record seven times ... After Ole Anderson and Ernie Ladd were stripped of the Georgia tag team titles, a one-night tournament crowned Austin Idol and Masked Superstar new champs ... The Spoiler was disqualified in his match with Kevin Von Erich for using the claw-

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Bob Backlund battles Bobby Duncum, two of the principal figures in an incredible story revealed by *Inside Wrestling*.

lund for an upcoming title challenge by the Grand Wizard's number one man, Ken Patera. In return, the Wizard sold the contract of Pat Patterson to Albano for \$100,000 instead of the previous selling price of \$500,000. NWA RATINGS: 1—Harley Race; 2—Dusty Rhodes; 3—Jimmy Snuka; 4—Shohei Baba; 5—Mr. Wrestling II; 6—Tommy Rich; 7—Ric Flair; 8—Jim Brunzell; 9—Bruiser Brody; 10—Kevin Von Erich. AWA RATINGS: 1—Nick Bockwinkel; 2—Dino Bravo; 3—Greg Gagne; 4—Verne Gagne; 5—Mad Dog Vachon; 6—Billy Robinson; 7—Jerry Lawler; 8—Super Destroyer II; 9—Larry Hennig; 10—Bill Dundee. WWF RATINGS: 1—Bob Backlund; 2—Ken Patera; 3—Bobby Duncum; 4—Pat Patterson; 5—Ivan Putski; 6—Swede Hanson; 7—Hulk Hogan; 8—Ted DiBiase; 9—Tito Santana; 10—Larry Zbyszko. TAG TEAMS: 1—Ivan Putski & Tito Santana; 2—Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood; 3—Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon; 4—Bryan St. John & Stan Lane; 5—Paul Jones & Baron Von Raschke; 6—The Samoans; 7—Bruiser Brody & Kerry Von Erich; 8—Austin Idol & Masked Superstar; 9—Mr. Hito & Mr. Sakurada; 10—The Avenger & The Assassin. ☐

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## **SUPERSTAR GRAHAM**

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The bandages on Graham's face show the pain he has had to endure in his struggle to rid himself of the demonic Sullivan's influence. Graham runs Kevin into a table (above). The Superstar chops down "The Prince of Darkness" (below).

you. When I first came in contact with Sullivan, I thought it would be interesting to exchange ideas. But the more he talked, the more I forgot about the philosophy I lived by. Soon, he had me."

"That's Sullivan's greatest power," Graham continued. "He can talk a man into a state of helplessness. He gets you to the point where you feel you need the help of Satan to get by. I needed something or somebody to help me, give me the confidence I lost."

And then came the night when it all unraveled. During a televised wrestling card from Florida, Sullivan began to physically abuse The Lock, a beautiful female member of his coven. Graham refused to allow this to happen. He



went after Sullivan, only to have his own manager, Sir Oliver Humperdink, come to Sullivan's aid. In one of the most brutal assaults ever witnessed in a wrestling arena, Humperdink and Sullivan ganged up on Graham and concluded by wrapping a belt around Billy's neck and hanging him from the top rope. Graham was fortunate to escape with his life intact. From that moment on, Graham and Sullivan became bitter enemies.

"People don't realize," Graham revealed, 'how hard it was for me to go after Sullivan. I was terrified. To attack the man who taught me to rely on the power of Satan was the hardest thing I ever did. Still, I couldn't let him beat up a woman. When Sullivan gets that look in his eye, and he had it that night, nothing can stop him. The Lock was lucky I was there that night. It's scary to think what would have happened if I hadn't been there. Or if I didn't stop him. I guess there are several things more important to me than Satanism."

Graham laughed quietly though without happiness. He got up from the porch and walked out in his front yard. He seemed to be listening for something, though neither he nor anyone else could tell him what it was. He walked aimlessly for a few feet and then returned to the porch. Beads of mist and sweat covered his face. Chances are everyone else in the Keys was inside enjoying air-conditioning. Graham had to be outside.

"I don't want to be part of Sullivan's coven," Graham concluded, "but it's hard to get back to the point where I was before I met him. I have to stay away from Sullivan, but I don't know if I can."

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- How to Keep Evil Forces Away!

miracles happen in their daily lives!

You'll see how Vern, a man who likes to give a lot of expensive parties, was always short of cash until he discovered the amazing WITCH'S MONEY JAR—now all he has to do is dip in, for it brings him an endless flow of cash! Evelyn, a waitress, was always lending money to friends, and was always broke. Finally, she placed her last dollar on the table, and worked the MONEY MAGNET SPELL over it. All at once, dozens of people who had borrowed money from her, rushed to pay her back!

Hank was perpetually broke. One night he got together with some friends, and they decided to cast the MONEY SPELL. The very next day, Hank received in the mail a check for some \$250 worth of insurance. (He had never heard of the company that sent the check, he was not insured with them, and had never even made a claim—but he accepted the money.) Another member of the group that used the spell, a 40-year-old secretary, received an automobile as a gift! All the other members of the group received amazing windfalls of money, as well! You'll see how Dexter, a retiree, lives RENT FREE and receives \$200 a week at the age of 78, with a secret you'll find in this Witch Book! You'll see how Claudine, a secretary, was able to wear the finest, most expensive furs—FREE—and spend weekends at an expensive ski lodge in the mountains, where she met a wonderful man! How Ruth L., a widow—with nothing but a small pension, and a little savings—received her dream house, by using a simple 5-minute ritual on page 38 of this book!

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• **MAKE TIME RUN BACKWARD OR FORWARD!**—A



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